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For Alumni, Parents, and Friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

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Annual Honor Roll of Donors

Partners in support of a common mission:
educational excellence and opportunity

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UMM Mission Statement

The mission of UMM as an undergraduate, residential, liberal arts college is distinctive within the University of Minnesota. The Morris campus shares the University's statewide mission of teaching, research, and outreach, yet it is a small college where students can shape their own education. The campus serves undergraduate students primarily from Minnesota and its neighboring states, and it is an educational resource and cultural center for citizens of west central Minnesota. Through its instructional excellence, its commitment to research, its numerous extracurricular programs and services, and its strong sense of community, UMM endeavors to achieve its place among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.

Partnerships inspired by ingenuity, imagination, and commitment

—a message from Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson

This issue of *Profile* features a variety of partnerships that have been crafted by imaginative and dedicated individuals to ensure that the University of Minnesota, Morris is able to accomplish its mission and is well positioned for the future. The partnerships you will read about here are truly inspiring and speak to the strong belief that many UMM friends, faculty, and staff members have in the future of this institution.

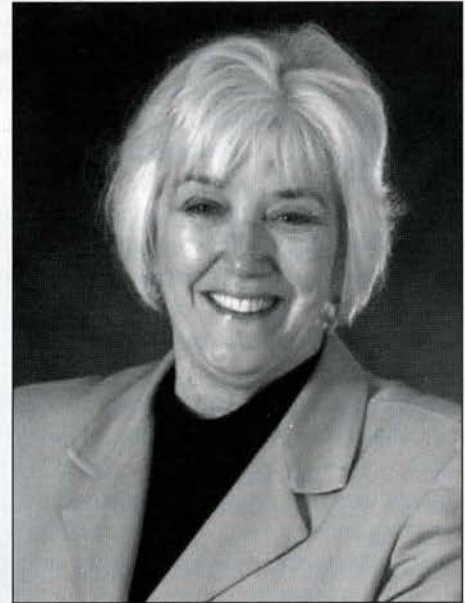
Several of the stories showcase family members who have banded together in honor of loved ones to make significant financial contributions to UMM's scholarship funds. Their donations ensure that generations of talented future students will be able to attend this educational institution, and their stories are heart-warming.

Other partnerships—like the one created between faculty in UMM's Division of Education and their colleagues from Chicago State University—spring forth from the imaginations of academics and scholars who believe in their students. These individuals have worked to create opportunities for future teachers to learn from each other and to learn and interact in teaching environments other than the ones they are most familiar with.

Still other partnerships—like the Green Prairie Alliance—have been formed to give name and recognition to the rich brain trust that exists in this community. This collaboration highlights the synergy that is gained when scholars from one organization or academic unit move outside of their organizational constraints to connect with others. These creative relationships assist in gaining resources and public attention for the various energy and environmental initiatives that are unfolding as our community becomes a research and demonstration destination.

The importance of the concept of partnership for the University of Minnesota, Morris reaches back to the 1950s, when several Morris community members used their friendship, their influence, and their commitment to this region as a springboard for encouraging legislators to establish a liberal arts college on the edge of the prairie. This historic collaboration was a key ingredient in the establishment of UMM.

The people and the stories featured here remind us of the importance of connection, collaboration, relationship, and alliance. Coupled with individual ingenuity, imagination, and commitment, people acting in partnership with one another allow UMM to fulfill its mission as a nationally recognized undergraduate living and learning community.



A message from Maddy Maxeiner associate vice chancellor for external relations



Welcome to our 2007 Honor Roll of Donors issue of *Profile*. This annual edition is devoted to recognizing the philanthropic contributions made to UMM during the previous fiscal year. Overall giving increased by nine percent last year for a total of \$1,201,081. Nearly \$900,000 was committed to scholarships and student support. Annual giving increased by an impressive 30 percent. Thanks to you, it was a very good year.

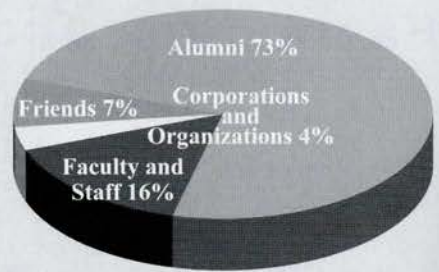
Your partnership in strengthening UMM's resource base is a critical component of our ability to offer a distinctive yet affordable liberal arts

education to students from all backgrounds. Over 90 percent of UMM students receive financial aid; some 40 percent of UMM grads are first generation college graduates. Your generosity in contributing to scholarships translates challenges into opportunities. Scholarship donors are true partners in our liberal arts mission.

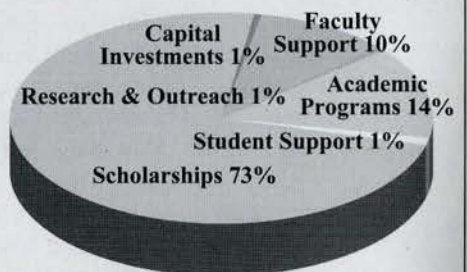
The IRS is a charitable giving partner, too. Strong tax incentives designed to encourage charitable giving are a part of America's unique philanthropic tradition. Here's a timely example: Thanks to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, if you are age 70½, you may contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA without incurring income tax as long as the funds are directly transferred to a qualified charity. However, this opportunity expires on December 31, 2007. If you are interested, please give me a call for more information. And, as always, please consult your own professional tax adviser about the best way to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

The future is bright for the University of Minnesota, Morris. Your interest and support are highly valued. Thank you for counting yourself among UMM's loyal partners.

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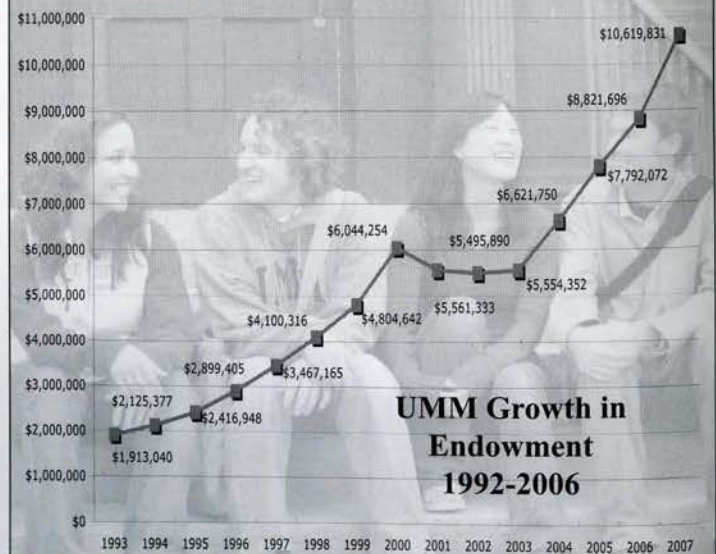
UMM Fiscal Year 2007 giving

During fiscal year 2007, the University of Minnesota, Morris received \$1,201,081 in gifts and new pledges as reported by the University of Minnesota Foundation. More than 2,300 donors expressed their loyalty and support for UMM and its mission by making a gift to support UMM students, faculty, staff, and programs.

UMM Gift Commitments by Fiscal Year



UMM Growth in Endowment 1992-2006



Serendipity moments guide education, career, and giving decisions for Sharon Stewart Reeves '68

Sharon Stewart Reeves '68 attributes her life story to serendipity. Accidental discoveries, she says, informed education and career decisions. But thoughtful examination reveals a common thread woven through chance happenings—history. Her 31-year career as a librarian for a prominent daily newspaper demonstrates a passion for researching, collecting, organizing, and preserving history as expressed in daily recordings on the pages of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Stewart Reeves' gifts to UMM honor the place where personal and professional interests developed and merged.

Discovering UMM

As a high school student, a chance encounter with a UMM recruiter, Charlie Hanna, prompted Stewart Reeves to consider the Morris campus. "UMM was a great compromise," she states, "a University of Minnesota education in a smaller environment, a private school education at a public school price. It was an interesting time to be at UMM. Traditions were still being shaped at the four-year-old institution."

While she began her UMM career as a pre-pharmacy major, Stewart Reeves quickly discerned that math and science were not favorites. She investigated alternatives by allowing personal interests to guide course choices. Although she teased her mom about pursuing a mythology major and a swimming minor, a love of history emerged. A work-study position in the library also influenced career decisions. "At that time, the library was in Edson Hall," she recalls. "I worked in the 'stacks,' in the Reading Room, and as the 'gatekeeper' checking materials in and out. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UMM, and I appreciate it even more as time goes by."

When her sister enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle, Stewart Reeves was surprised to learn that she, a Minnesota student, could attend UW summer classes at in-state tuition rates. She took advantage of the opportunity. The unexpected modification to her educational plans inspired her decision to enroll in the UW master of library science program after UMM graduation. Leaving prairie winters behind, she moved to the West Coast, where she has lived ever since.

Discovering newspaper libraries

While in Washington, Stewart Reeves "stumbled upon," as she recalls, employment at *The Seattle Times* library. The position provided an introduction to newspaper librarians' responsibilities: newsroom research, article and photo archives, microfilmed newspapers. In 1975, after husband Paul completed his doctorate in aeronautical engineering, the two moved to San

Diego. Paul accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Navy. Stewart Reeves accepted a position with the *San Diego Union* and *San Diego Tribune* where she began as head librarian and concluded her career as director of library services.

It isn't surprising that many career highlights identified by Stewart Reeves involve technology. When she began, the work was very labor intensive—cutting, folding, filing. Computers facilitated new, accurate, efficient, and rapid ways to research, collect, organize, preserve, and retrieve information. Stewart Reeves helped select the first software system for *The San Diego*

Union-Tribune's online archive, one of the first in the nation. Compiling and storing information in databases had far-reaching effects. She shares: "Historically, microfilm was considered legal record of published material, but our reputation for clean data influenced even the court system to accept information from newspaper databases as legal record."

Last year, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* was honored with a Pulitzer Prize for reporting on U.S. Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham's acceptance of bribes from defense contractors. A longtime advocate for crediting newspaper librarians for their contributions, Stewart Reeves was delighted that librarians who worked on Cunningham stories received recognition along with writers, editors, and publishers. She identifies increasing numbers of "librarian taglines" as one of her most

important contributions to the industry.

Stewart Reeves worked on numerous high profile stories throughout her career, including the Pacific Southwest Airlines crash in 1978, the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, the 9/11 tragedy, the David Westerfield murder trial in 2002, and the San Diego wild fires in 2003.

Stewart Reeves supports the Rodney A. Briggs Library with gifts matched by the Helen and James Copley Foundation, the late publishers of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. "I'm very happy to give because of my general love of libraries and my personal history with the UMM library," states Stewart Reeves. "I also have an intimate understanding that a library never has enough money, and UMM librarians have been very appreciative over the years."

A Presidents Club member since 1998 and a member of the Founders Society since 2006, Stewart Reeves retired last year. For now, her retirement years are relatively unplanned. But based on history, Stewart Reeves anticipates a serendipity moment soon that will direct the next chapter of her life story.



Sharon Stewart Reeves from the 1967 *Venture* yearbook

Keskinen siblings partner to create UMM scholarship in memory of parents

When the Keskinen siblings gather, Kay, Susan, John, and Katje tell stories of their childhood. "Remember when..." prompts recollections of parents and the values—curiosity, creativity, and hard-working Finnish drive—instilled during growing up years in New York Mills. The Keskinen Family Scholarship, given in partnership by the siblings in memory of parents Ervin and Lila, tells a story, too, of gratitude and strong family ties.

Lila and Ervin Keskinen, children of Finnish immigrants, lived in or near New York Mills their entire lives. At 19, Lila bought and managed Lila's Café. She married Ervin in 1948.

The restaurant provided their livelihood until they purchased the Gambles hardware store a couple years later. In the 1950s, they established Oak Point Resort on Rush Lake, which Lila managed for 40 years. In 1960, when Ervin became a U.S. Postal Service rural letter carrier, the hardware store inventory was sold and the building torn down. Later, Lila and Ervin donated the lot to New York Mills to be the site for a library, a very public gift that parallels a very personal gift received by the Keskinen children—a love of reading and learning.

Stories from Kay Keskinen '70

"We lived above the Gambles store in the 1950s," remembers Kay. "The first floor had space in the back for storing appliances. There our father built us a small, enclosed classroom equipped with desks, blackboard, books, maps, and supplies, so we could 'play school.' Education was fun."

"My siblings and I knew, just KNEW, that we were going to college, no ifs, ands, or buts about it," continues Kay. "The only question was where. Soon after I was born, our parents took out a \$2,000 annuity for me to use to go to college. How many parents in 1948 were planning for their infants to go to college, much less a daughter?"

"We four got into all sorts of adventures, got ourselves out of them, and our parents encouraged our creativity. How did that affect us? We knew no limits," she reflects. "Anything was possible. I remember my mother telling me about the engineering profession, perhaps I would be interested in studying that. There weren't many female engineers in the 50s and 60s, but Mom didn't care."

Kay did not become an engineer, but her UMM math major did lead her to a profession newly emerging in the 1970s. While taking UMM's one and only computer science course,



Ervin and Lila Keskinen on their wedding day

she thought, "This is fun—I could do this for a living." And she did, retiring after 31 years in administrative computing systems at the University of Idaho, Moscow in June 2003.

Today, Kay volunteers in Moscow with the Senior Center and serves as a certified professional mediator at Idaho's first nonprofit community mediation center. "Keskinen means 'middle person' in Finnish," she shares. "I took that definition to heart."

Reflections from John Keskinen '79

"My parents always seemed to me to desire self-sufficiency," states John. "However, they were not hermits and loved social fun and friends. Dad taught me to hunt, fish, and appreciate nature. My mother taught me to skin and tan animal hides. Mother was raised on a farm, and she knew how to make use of every part of a creature."

"Our parents did not seem to push dreams upon us but showed us possibilities instead," John reflects. "My father allowed me to feel like I could do anything and that instillation carried into my adulthood. I still believe it, although I can quantify it now and could not back then. I have always enjoyed a variety of interests, likely due to that upbringing."

As a UMM student, John joined the Phi Mu Delta fraternity and worked on the student newspaper as a photographer, cartoonist, and paste-up. Influenced by John Ingle and the late Lois Hodgell, both professor emeriti of studio art, the studio art major embraced photography, an avocation John continues to enjoy.

A citizen of Springfield, Oregon, John works in the compliance department of Siuslaw Bank and is a member of the Springfield Arts Commission. He and son Janne (14) share a love of outdoor activities, art, and music. "I enjoy the making of music with other musicians, especially improvisational music, in a genre of blues or jazz or R&B," says John. "I write songs and have performed them, and have played guitar extemporaneously at solo gigs. I record in a home studio, as most musicians can these days. The experience is fun and rewarding."

Memories from Susan Keskinen

"Although we were far from wealthy, my parents always were willing to spend money on books, music lessons, and anything educational," remembers Susan. "Our dad was a voracious reader who would read a book like *Vanity Fair* in a day. Both of our parents were very creative. Between the two

of them they could fix or make just about anything. It was part of our parents' lifestyle."

"I grew up knowing that I would go to college," says Susan. "They wanted us to achieve more than they had and a college degree was the means to that end. I remember Dad telling me, 'You can be anything you want to be, as long as you set your mind to it.' Having parents who believed in me has given me self confidence and resilience."

Following in her older sister's footsteps, Susan enrolled at UMM. "For four years I spent my high school MEA vacations hanging around campus with Kay. I had many positive campus experiences before I ever was a UMM student! I have fond memories of my UMM days—Sunday evening movies, sledding on cafeteria trays, coffee houses, dances in the gym, and mud sliding on the mall in the rain."

Susan completed a sociology major at the Twin Cities campus in 1974. She is a researcher at ASPEN Associates, an organization specializing in educational research. She makes her home in St. Paul with husband Dennis Cornhill and sons Alex (17) and Nick (15). She also volunteers with her sons' school and serves as Volunteer Coordinator for Kids Voting Saint Paul.

Recollections from Katje Keskinen

"Though we didn't have much money when we were kids, we were allowed to pick as many Scholastic books as we wanted when our teachers sent home the book club order forms," recalls Katje. "My teacher would pass the books out at the end of the day, and I could barely contain myself as my pile grew. I could hardly wait to get on the bus so that I could start reading. I

remember the thrill of Dad building us each our own bookshelf for our bedrooms."

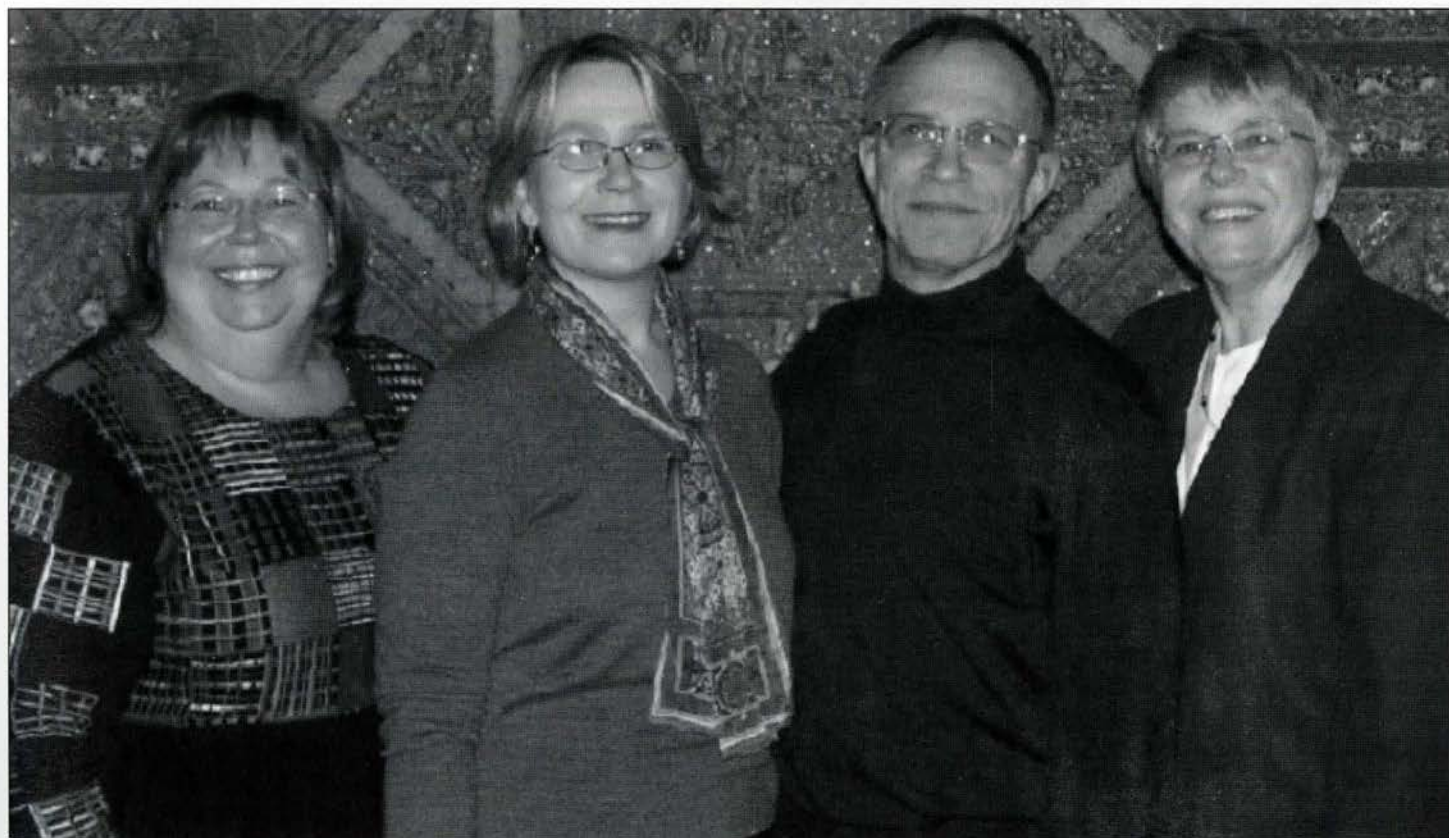
"From the time I was four, we lived in the country, near Rush Lake," continues Katje. "Our house started as a two-room cabin, where we spent time in the summers. My dad added on one room at a time, so we did have a crazy house! I loved living at the lake. The four of us had so much fun swimming, fishing, and canoeing. We were given much freedom and trust."

Like her siblings, Katje as a high school senior only applied to one college—UMM. In 1978, she completed a degree in Finnish at the Twin Cities campus where she met husband Dan Gustafson. They have lived in the Twin Cities; Seattle, Washington; Richmond, Virginia; and, currently, Houston, Texas. Daughter, Sally, (22) began a graduate program in statistics this fall at her parents' alma mater.

A preschool teacher, Katje says, "One of the best gifts that I give my preschool kiddos is a love of reading and books. It is hard to love learning if you don't enjoy reading."

Keskinen Family Scholarship

A shared sense of gratitude for the encouraging and loving environment created by their parents inspired Kay, Susan, John, and Katje to establish The Keskinen Family Scholarship in memory of Lila and Ervin. The scholarship will be awarded to high school students from the New York Mills area who show academic promise. Reflects Kay, "The UMM experience is one to be appreciated and cherished. If the scholarship means someone can go to UMM who might not otherwise be able to do so, then that's one of our parents' legacies that continues."



The Keskinen siblings from left: Katje, Susan, John, and Kay

Scholarship honors UMM historical figures Clayton and Eleanor Gay

—loyal University alumni and engaged community citizens

After UMM's establishment in 1960, the University of Minnesota appropriately chose to name the first new building constructed on the Morris campus to recognize a loyal alumnus and a bold community leader—Clayton A. Gay. His spirited, visible enthusiasm and that of wife Eleanor's inspired others to join in the grassroots effort that secured a four-year college in Morris. As members of the West Central Educational Development Association (WCEDA), their dedication and forward thinking helped launch the birth of the new liberal arts college. The Clayton A. and Eleanor P. Gay Scholarship, supported by sons Jim and Bob, honors their parents' memories and recognizes their contributions to UMM, to the University of Minnesota, and to west central Minnesota.



Clayton and Eleanor Gay

The University of Minnesota connection

Eleanor and Clayton's connections to the University of Minnesota were strong and deep. In 1935, when the engagement announcement for Miss Eleanor Poucher of Minneapolis and Mr. Clayton A. Gay of Morris appeared in a Twin Cities newspaper, the headline read: "Popular 'U' Couple to Be Wed in May."

Eleanor enrolled at the University's Twin Cities campus to study music after graduating from high school early, during the middle of the academic year. She was already familiar with campus. Her uncle, Jay Poucher, served as director of service enterprises during that time. The Poucher Building is named in his honor. Eleanor completed a bachelor of arts in 1926, and then the accomplished pianist completed post-graduate studies in music in Leipzig, Germany.

A native of Moose Lake, Clayton followed his older brother, Chester '24, to the University. Both brothers excelled in Gopher football, as did their younger brother, Kenneth '33. Clayton also played Gopher basketball and baseball. After graduating in 1930 with a bachelor of law, he was an active member of the University M Club and the U of M Alumni Association. In 1958, as part of the State of Minnesota's centennial celebration, Clayton was honored with membership in the Minnesota Honor Roll of Champions, recognizing athletic accomplishments and civic leadership.

Clayton established his law practice in Morris in 1930 and energetically engaged in community life. He served as Stevens County attorney from 1935 until 1946 and municipal judge from 1948 until 1958. He was involved in the Lions Club on all levels from local to international, the Morris Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America at the local and regional levels, the Shriners, the Masons, and First Lutheran Church.

"My dad was involved in many things in the community, and my mother was very visible in her support," reflects Jim. "He was honest and committed to getting things done. We grew up in a good environment."

After joining Clayton in Morris after their marriage, Eleanor, too, became involved in the community. She served as organist at First Lutheran Church, accompanied the Morris Men's Chorus, and played piano for several civic organizations. Eleanor taught hundreds of piano and organ students throughout her lifetime, retiring in 1993 at the age of 88.

Regional economics and opportunity

In the mid 1950s, University discussions regarding the future of its high school agriculture programs fueled uncertainty about the fate of the West

Central School of Agriculture, which had made its home on the Morris campus since 1910. Area citizens, including Clayton and Eleanor, began to imagine empty classrooms, vacant buildings, and loss of employment. Casual conversations in area cafés between community leaders evolved into a strategic action group: WCEDA. With Clayton serving as president, WCEDA's goal was to build a solid case for establishing an undergraduate campus of the University in Morris.

WCEDA's campaign focused on regional economics and opportunity. A four-year institution in Morris would ensure that the state's investment in campus buildings would be utilized, and employment opportunities on campus would grow with increased enrollment. WCEDA's research determined that only 20 percent of regional high school graduates attended college. The two nearest four-year colleges were more than 100 miles from Morris. With a University campus in Morris, a high quality education would be affordable and accessible to the region's future community leaders.

WCEDA members shared their proposal with citizens of Morris and the region, public officials, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, and legislators. Clayton effectively employed his University and state capitol connections to share the WCEDA story.

"I worked with Dad during the summer of 1958," Jim remembers. "We took numerous trips to the Twin Cities to meet with legislators to get the UMM project rolling. WCEDA had the support of all the regional legislators."

In October 1958, before the UMM dream was realized, Clayton died unexpectedly. Family and community mourned the loss, and fellow WCEDA members dedicated themselves to the campaign. "A lot of people carried on his mission," reflects Jim.

WCEDA membership grew, and lobbying efforts intensified. Fred Behmler, state senator, and Delbert Anderson, state representative, both WCEDA supporters and leaders of the Legislative Commission on Agricultural Schools, submitted a report to the governor and legislature calling for the regents to begin preparing buildings and plans for a four-year college in Morris. In October 1959, a presentation by WCEDA to the Board of Regents resulted in approval for a liberal arts college in Morris. UMM welcomed its first class in the fall of 1960.

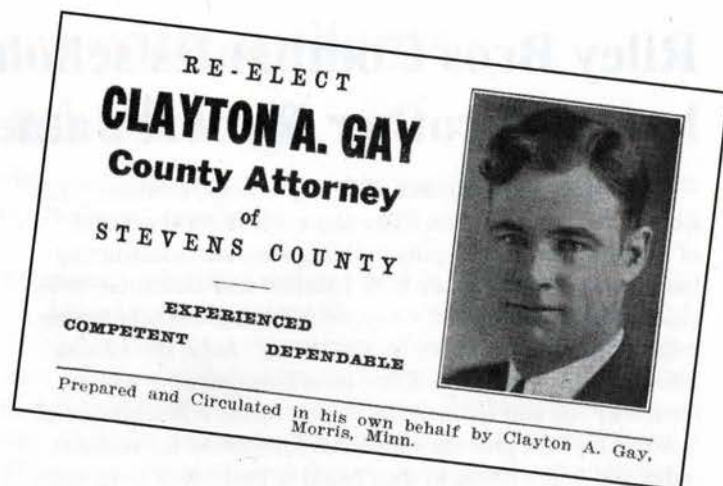
A second generation of University graduates

Jim and Bob followed their parents' footsteps to the University of Minnesota. For Jim, the Institute of Technology where he could investigate an interest in metallurgical engineering was a logical choice, and his parents approved. He graduated in 1960 and completed a doctorate in mineral resources engineering in 1966.

For Bob, whose undergraduate years came after Clayton's death, the college decision was poignant. "It was clearly a given that I would attend UMM," remembers Bob. "It would have been almost unpatriotic to not attend the University of Minnesota and disloyal not to go to UMM. UMM itself is a monument to my father. It was his life's dream, and it came to fruition." Bob graduated from UMM in 1968 with a degree in music. After teaching for a year and serving two and one-half years in the U.S. Army, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota School of Law, graduating in 1975.

Memorial scholarship

In 1976, the late Pearl Gay, Clayton's sister, established the Clayton A. Gay Memorial Scholarship through an estate gift. Eleanor contributed each year. After Eleanor passed away in 2003, Jim and Bob renamed the scholarship to include their



mother. "The annual contribution to the scholarship in memory of my father was very important to Mom," states Jim. "It just seemed fitting to rename it in her honor, too, and continue the tradition."

Adds Bob: "Mother was an avid supporter of UMM. Renaming the scholarship recognizes her generosity and support."

The Clayton A. and Eleanor P. Gay Scholarship provides financial support to UMM students from Stevens County and adjacent counties. "Supporting students from the area in which my parents lived and worked continues to represent what my father desired in higher education in west central Minnesota," says Jim.

Jim, now retired, and wife Joyce make their home in Woodbury. Bob and wife Mikki live in Blythewood, South Carolina. Mikki is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and Bob is a civilian U.S. Army lawyer serving as the environmental law specialist and procurement fraud advisor in the Administrative Law Division at Fort Jackson.

Resources:

- A Biographical Sketch of Clayton A. Gay as Relevant to UMM Development*, Herb Croom, September 20, 1965.
- The Morris Tribune*, "Residence hall will be dedicated Sunday," February 18, 1966.
- Re-collections*, "WCEDA: grassroots advocates" and "Early Controversy," September 2000.
- Senior Perspective*, "Morris residents invested their own money in their dream project," Rebecca Webb, February 2000.

Photo at left: Eleanor Gay at Clayton A. Gay Hall dedication
Above: Clayton Gay campaign card, circa 1950

Riley Bros Companies scholarship gift honors brother Robert James Riley

In addition to a lifetime of family history, brothers Robert, Joseph, and John Riley share a love for the world of construction. Developing building sites and constructing long-lasting structures are both vocation and avocation. When older brother Bob passed away, contributing to a scholarship established in his memory by Bob's wife, Judy, served as a fitting honor. A gift from Riley Bros Companies of Morris, owned by Joe and John, to the Robert James Riley Memorial Scholarship will provide a financial foundation for students today and in the future as they begin to build their lives and careers at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Bob's campus connections

Bob had many close ties and fond memories of the UMM campus and community. In 1955, he graduated from the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA), the University of Minnesota high school that made its home on the Morris campus from 1910 until 1963. As an employee of Jim Riley and Sons, Inc., another Riley brother with a career in construction, Bob worked on many campus site preparation projects including the soccer field and LaFave House landscaping. Bob was an avid gardener, and one of the most poignant of his UMM projects was landscaping the WCSA Alumni Memorial Garden. The beautiful living tribute to campus history is located in front of the Education building where his wife, Judy Riley, serves as campus communications coordinator.

"I started in construction 41 years ago, and there has never been a day that I've considered doing anything else," reflects Joe. "I think that holds true for Bob and the rest of our family in this business, too. I think it's the challenge of starting a project and seeing it through to the end that is rewarding. And yes," he adds with a smile, "lots of construction projects were discussed and 'hashed out' at family gatherings!"

"Bob was a very easy going type of person," Joe continues. "His purpose in life was doing a good job at whatever he

did, whether a construction project or the various jobs he held as a young man. He had two dedications in his life: his family and his job."

Robert James Riley Memorial Scholarship

"Bob's wife, Judy, had the idea of a scholarship for Bob," remembers Joe. "John and I knew from the first time she brought it up that we wanted to be a part of providing the funding. We wanted to do it out of respect for our brother and his lifelong accomplishments."

The Robert James Riley Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to first-year UMM students who graduate from a high school within the five counties surrounding Morris—Stevens, Pope, Traverse, Grant, and Swift—the west central Minnesota region where Bob lived and primarily worked. The scholarship may be renewed if recipients maintain good academic standing. Priority will be given to students with financial need, who plan to pursue a major in science or social science, and who are hardworking, unassuming, and affable, characteristics embodied by Bob Riley.

John and Joe Riley are longtime UMM advocates and Presidents Club members since 1989. In addition to their scholarship gift, Riley Bros Companies has generously funded the scoreboard at UMM's new Big Cat Stadium and the Riley Bros Walking and Running Track at the Regional Fitness Center.

A major contributor to the Morris community as well as the regional economy, Riley Bros Companies employs about 160 people fulfilling construction contracts in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota annually totaling nearly \$35,000,000.

Robert Riley '55, with his children (left to right) Shawn, Julie, Carrie, Tim, and Robert



Bob Riley from the 1955 *Moccasin*



Education Discipline partners with students and educators in Willmar and Chicago

The University of Minnesota, Morris prides itself on its mission of research, education, and outreach, sharing its knowledge to benefit the people of Minnesota, the United States, and the world. Through two unique programs, UMM's Division of Education is touching the lives of elementary children and college students in Willmar and in Chicago.

TREC travels to Willmar

Last summer, Pam Solvie, assistant professor of education and UMM Tutoring, Reading, and Enabling Children (TREC) coordinator, and four future elementary teachers traveled to and from Willmar for 10 days to teach reading and math to 23 elementary students, grades four through six. The project was a new addition to TREC, one of the many service-learning experiences and multiple field opportunities offered in education at UMM.

TREC was established in 1997 with a grant from Campus Compact, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service learning in higher education. Until last spring, TREC was implemented solely in the Morris community.

In 2007, through a grant from the President's Initiative on Children, Youth and Families at the University of Minnesota, TREC expanded to Willmar, giving UMM students and professors the opportunity to broaden their outreach. "We want to reach out and share our knowledge and ability with the underserved," says Solvie.

To prepare for the project, Solvie met with the summer TREC UMMers for a five-hour training session prior to starting the program: Kristen Strissel '07, Morris; Jessica Peterson '08, Isle; Abby Fair '08, Anoka; and Amelia Blashack '08, Bertha. The students studied literacy instruction including the work of Irene Gaskin, *Success with Struggling Readers*, and used curriculum in the Briggs Library collection to prepare for math and reading activities.

During their time in Willmar, educational needs determined activities. "We worked with the students in small groups focusing on skills that they struggled with," says Fair.

TREC participants visit UMM

On the 10th day of the program, 16 of the TREC participants from Willmar, along with family and friends, came to Morris for a campus visit. Solvie hopes that the college campus experience and participating in literacy activities over the summer will inspire them and make them comfortable here at UMM in the future.

"We wanted to teach these children not just to read, but to learn how to learn," says Solvie.

Elementary education majors travel to Chicago

Since 1994, senior elementary education majors have traveled to Chicago to experience teaching in an inner city, low socioeconomic school where supplies are limited and motivation to participate is low. Solvie says: "When UMM students graduate, they need to be prepared to teach anywhere not just rural areas. Effective practices and experiences working in diverse settings will make the difference."

UMM's elementary education program partners with the Chicago Public School system in Chicago, Illinois, to arrange the classroom experiences. UMM students teach in the classroom for one week. A new partnership has formed with teaching colleagues at Chicago State University (CSU), who are sending their education students to Morris to experience teaching in a rural setting, an experience not available in inner city Chicago. UMM and CSU students will now have the opportunity to interact with each other, sharing cultural experiences that will help each group understand what it will be like to teach in an environment different than their own.

by Melissa Weber, University Relations



UMM's summer TREC program was coordinated by Pam Solvie, assistant professor of education, and students Kristen Strissel '07, Morris; Jessica Peterson '08, Isle; Abby Fair '08, Anoka; and Amelia Blashack '08, Bertha.

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Through the Renewable Energy Center, located at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris, the University of Minnesota, Morris partners with numerous key stakeholders:

University and research organizations
West Central Research and Outreach Center Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment
West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
Agriculture Utilization Research Institute
South Dakota State University
University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center
National Renewable Energy Lab

Government agencies and programs
State and federal legislators
City of Morris
Minnesota Department of Commerce
Energy Office
Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance
Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission

Energy and environmental companies
Otter Tail Power Company
Great River Energy
Xcel Energy
Diversified Energy LLC
Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company
Runestone Electric Association
Norsk Hydro

Nongovernment organizations
Clean Energy Resource Teams
Minnesota Soybean Growers
Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council
Minnesota Corn Growers
Minnesota Corn Research and Promotion Council
Southwest Foundation
Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative

Regional agriculture producers, citizens, and University of Minnesota faculty have been key partners in the Renewable Energy Research and Demonstration Center at Morris.

Biomass gasification: UMM's next step toward energy self-sufficiency

In July 2007, UMM began construction on a biomass gasification reactor and facility on campus. Scheduled for completion in Spring 2008, the gasifier will convert biomass, which includes agricultural residues like corn stover and wheat straw, into a syngas, a clean "green" energy that burns like natural gas. It is projected that the new biomass facility will decrease UMM's fossil fuel usage for campus heating by 80 percent. Cooling capabilities will be added in the future.

Research partners

The idea for the biomass facility was a joint effort between UMM and the U of M West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) in Morris. "The biomass plant conceptual goals were to rethink how we use energy and explore the possibilities of using renewable agricultural based feed stocks in a sustainable manner," states Lowell Rasmussen, associate vice chancellor for physical plant and master planning. The WCROC will research gasifying a variety of agriculture residues and develop best practices for collection and storage. Their results will be shared as a "toolbox of information" with institutions or municipalities that wish to construct a biomass facility.

In addition to \$6 million received from the Minnesota State Legislature, the biomass project received a United States Department of Agriculture and Energy grant for \$1.89 million to conduct additional research. The grant allowed the USDA Agricultural Research Service-North Central Soil Conservation Research Lab, also located in Morris, to join the UMM and WCROC partnership creating the "Green Prairie Alliance." The Soils Lab will conduct research on carbon sequestration, processes that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Wind energy

UMM's march toward energy self-sufficiency began in 2005 when a 1.65 megawatt wind turbine, the campus' first joint energy project with WCROC, started generating power for the campus. More than half of UMM's buildings are powered by wind energy, and planning for additional turbines is underway.

UMM is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability.



Groundbreaking for the biomass gasification facility



U of M president and board of regents visit Morris campus

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents held their October 2007 monthly meeting on the Morris campus. Highlights of the two-day meeting include granting final approval to the Minnesota/Wisconsin tuition reciprocity agreement and approving the 2008 state bonding request.

The Universitywide \$238.9 million request includes the renovation of UMM's Community Services building to serve as a gateway center. Jacqueline Johnson, UMM chancellor, presented a report to the Board of Regents and President Robert Bruininks that emphasized the UMM student experience and UMM's future goals.

UMM tuition and fees reduced for new and continuing students

The 2007 Fall Semester marks two key changes to UMM tuition rates that reflect the University of Minnesota's commitment to "support the educational goals of UMM students by making their education even more affordable," states James Morales, associate vice chancellor for enrollment.

First, in addition to continuing its current practice of charging full time students a "flat" tuition rate, UMM has adjusted the lower limit of this "band" from 15 to 13 credits, extending the financial advantage and enhancing students' ability to graduate in four years.

Second, UMM realigned its tuition rate to approximately the same level as Twin Cities and Duluth tuition rates. In effect, says Morales, annual tuition and fees were reduced by approximately \$1,000 for the 2007-08 academic year for both new and continuing UMM students.

New major gifts officer Susan Schmidgall looks forward to developing strong partnerships with UMM stakeholders

A new face joined UMM's external relations efforts this fall, although she is not new to the Morris community. Madeline Maxeiner, associate vice chancellor for external relations and director of fund development, announces the appointment of Morris native Susan Schmidgall as UMM's major gifts officer.

The new position, states Maxeiner, augments ongoing efforts in fund development and will assist UMM in reaching its strategic goals. "Susan's experience in major gift fundraising will be a significant asset to our work in philanthropy," Maxeiner continues. "Susan has the knowledge, skills, and talents to expand our development program while fostering our donor-centered commitment to the core values of integrity, trust, and stewardship."

Schmidgall has long been attracted to the development field. Most recently, she served as director of development and marketing for Kaposia, inc., a Twin Cities based nonprofit. At Kaposia, she created and executed comprehensive development and fundraising initiatives such as donor relations, cultivation, stewardship, major

gift solicitation, and the startup and expansion of a planned giving program.

"Serving as UMM's major gifts officer is the ideal blend of my professional experience and interests, and my personal commitment to education, UMM, and my hometown of Morris," shares Schmidgall. "Serving an organization that I feel passionately about—through development of relationships, shared values and vision, and a secure future—is

the 'perfect job.' It is an honor to be entrusted with a donor's wishes and dreams, and rewarding to serve as the steward of those goals. I am amazed at the power and generosity of people, and the impact an individual can have on an organization's mission and future. To help donors understand their impact and the legacy they can create, and then help make that happen is the best part of development work."



Schmidgall

Schmidgall, who holds a bachelor of science in sociology from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, began her UMM appointment in August and looks forward to visiting with members of the UMM community, both on and off campus.

"I look forward to developing many strong partnerships at UMM," states Schmidgall. "From my first campus visit, I have been impressed by the number of people invested in UMM's mission. Bringing together faculty and charitable giving prospects, new donors and longtime donors, alumni, students and parents, and facilitating similar partnerships will be a large part of my development efforts. I am eager to learn from and work with UMM stakeholders, partnering with donors, students, faculty, staff, alumni, the greater University of Minnesota network, and the Morris community in advancing the vision and future of UMM."

A greeting from Carla Riley, director of alumni relations and annual giving



The theme of this particular Honor Roll of Donors issue of *Profile* is "partnership," and I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my appreciation to alumni and friends who partner with UMM financially and otherwise to help ensure that UMM students continue to enjoy an optimal educational experience. Thank you for this splendid support!

Many collaborative efforts and various partnering configurations comprise the success of what is UMM. Dedicated faculty, of course, are integral to a student's educational experience. Administrators and staff labor behind the scenes but are equally important to students' overall experience. Engaged alumni, friends, and donors contribute to the well being of the students and the campus, so must certainly be counted as partners in UMM's mission. And of course, without the students, everything else would be moot!

We are pleased to welcome UMM alumna Erin Schellin '05 to the partnership we call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving staff! As the new program associate she will assist me with alumni projects, oversee and advance the senior gift program and banquet, as well as the young alumni program at UMM.

Thanks go out to all alumni and friends who made it back to campus for Homecoming 2007—A Red Carpet Affair. Those who attended the UMM Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award banquet realized that we were in the company of someone very special. Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83, a true celebrity in my opinion, accepted with grace and modesty this year's award from co-presenters Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science, and Sam Schuman, former chancellor. It was a memorable occasion.

People often comment that mine must be a dream job—visiting alumni and planning fun events. Of course, they are absolutely correct in that I do enjoy visiting with alumni and UMM friends, and I certainly do plan lots of fun activities. What I also tell them, however, is that real job satisfaction for me comes every spring with the realization that, in some small way, my efforts have helped ensure that another class of wonderful young graduates will go forth better prepared to take their place in the world than they would have been had they not spent their undergrad days at UMM. That I will very likely get to see these wonderful people again at some future alumni gathering makes their leaving more palatable for me to be sure. For that and other reasons, I agree that I am indeed fortunate to serve as the director of the alumni relations and annual giving programs at this wonderful and unique partnership that is UMM.

Feel free to contact me personally anytime with questions, concerns, or just to say hello! I always enjoy hearing from alumni and can be reached at 320-589-6394 or rileycj@morris.umn.edu.



Lorie Gildea '83 receives UMMAA award during Homecoming 2007 festivities

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association (UMMAA) honored Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83 as the 2007 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipient during their annual banquet held on September 28, 2007, during Homecoming weekend. The award recognizes alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota. The political science major graduated in 1986 from Georgetown University Law Center and serves as an associate justice with the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science, affirms in his nomination letter that Gildea was an exceptional student: "Every once in a while, a student comes to us who is an apprentice scholar in the best sense of the term, with whom instructors can engage in a meaningful and often running dialogue," Lee states. "Lorie is one of such students." He recalls that as Morris Campus Student Association president she "showed initiative and leadership ability in an exemplary fashion."

Sam Schuman, retired UMM chancellor and author, profiled Gildea in *Old Main: Small Colleges in Twenty-First Century America*. Schuman reflects: "When UMM created this alumni achievement award, our purpose was twofold. Most obviously, it was to recognize UMM graduates who have achieved impressive success in their chosen vocations, and Lorie Gildea certainly exemplifies that kind of achievement. But it was also to give us a venue for saying what sorts of achievements made us most proud; what sorts of things did we hope our graduates would do and become. And, in her wisdom, strength, thoroughness, fairness, consistency, and honesty, Lorie is an exemplar of the virtues this college hopes to grow in all its graduates."

Photo above: Sam Schuman, retired UMM chancellor; Lorie Gildea '83, and Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science and retired chair of the Division of the Social Sciences

2007 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award Acceptance Remarks by Minnesota Associate Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83

We all have so much for which we should be grateful. A wise person once expressed her gratitude by noting that she had been blessed because she was able to sit in the shade of trees planted long ago. We UMM alumni have similarly been blessed. We all sat in the shade of trees planted long ago. Jooinn Lee and Sam Schuman are some of the trees of this place, and we have all benefited so much, and future generations of students at UMM will benefit so much, from the mark each has made on UMM. Thank you Jooinn and thank you Sam for tonight, but more importantly, thank you for all you have done for UMM.

Thank you to the alumni association, the president and the board, and to Carla Riley and the staff for all of your hard work in organizing this great event. I am so honored to be receiving this award, and I am humbled that all of you took time to celebrate with my family and me tonight.

So, we come again to Morris, we come again to UMM, the fountain of our futures, and the warm harbor of our hearts.

We come again to UMM, which is not just a wide spot on a prairie highway, but a wide, calm stretch in our river of life.

We come to UMM today to celebrate our homecoming.

Melville says this about homecoming: "The pleasure of leaving home, care-free, with no concern but to enjoy, has also as a pendant the pleasure of coming back to the old hearthstone, the home to which, however traveled, the heart still fondly turns, ignoring the burdens of its anxieties and care."

UMM is our home, it is our hearthstone, it is where our heart fondly turns no matter how far we have traveled or how heavy our burdens. How fortunate we all are to have such a treasured place as our UMM. If, as I believe and as Garrison Keillor said, that the University of Minnesota is one of the glories of our state, then the University of Minnesota, Morris is the surely the crowning jewel in that glory.

But this weekend is not just about coming home, it is also about reconnecting and recommitting. Our alumni association provides us with the perfect vehicle for this connection and this commitment.

So let us connect with our fellow alums.

The dictionary tells us that alumnae and alumni are the women and men who have been reared or nourished by their alma mater. Alumnus, alumna, alma are all derived from the Latin verb "to nourish." How appropriate. Didn't all of us have our minds nourished here at UMM?

Emerson said, "I know nothing which life has to offer so satisfying as the profound good understanding, which can subsist, after much exchange of good [ideas], between virtuous people, each of whom are sure of themselves, and sure of their friends."

We were all nourished with that exchange of good ideas and received that profound good understanding which comes from an unsurpassed liberal arts education.

If we reflect for a moment, we see that many of the good things we have done...and many of the wonderful things we have seen in our lives...were possible in large part because of the knowledge we gained, the skills we sharpened, and the minds that we nourished here at the University of Minnesota, Morris. For that, we are truly grateful.

Because we have been blessed with this nourishment, we must commit to ensure that others will have the opportunity that we had, and the alumni association gives us many ways to make this commitment.

Because our experience at UMM has benefited us in so many ways, you and I together must ensure that others have memories of UMM as well. We must recommit ourselves to be positive poster people, a new wave of talent scouts, a new wave of ambassadors who are proud to talk about an amazing memorable school called UMM. Please join me in recommitting to that valuable calling.

Thank you UMM Alumni Association for all you have done for our UMM. As we all recommit ourselves to helping the association, thanks to all of you for all you will do for this small place, this place that is a little bit west of Harvard, a little bit east of Stanford, and a little bit closer to Heaven. Our home, the University of Minnesota, Morris.



During Homecoming 2007, Gildea met with UMM's Political Science Club. Back row from left: Eagan Heath '08, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Christine Osthus '08, Plymouth; Alex Murphy '09, Plymouth; Nathan Swanson '08, Walnut Grove. Front row: LeAnn Hedquist '08, Wabasha; Gildea; Katie Barron '11, St. Paul; Bekah Deutl '08, Anoka; and Jennifer Wermerskirchen '08, Shakopee

Photo credit: Judy Riley, University Relations

Thank you to the alumni, parents, faculty, and staff who volunteered at the UMM booth during the Douglas County Fair, the Red River Valley Fair, the Stevens County Fair, and the Minnesota State Fair!

Jon Anderson, professor of math
 David Aronson, project coordinator
 Jessica Beyer '02, community program assistant
 Pat Bruun '03
 Steve Burks, associate professor of economics
 Nancy Carpenter, associate professor of chemistry
 Emily Carroll '08
 Karen Cusey, program associate
 Sherry DeCamp '95
 David Fluegel '97, community program specialist
 Derek Ganzhorn '08
 Elizabeth Hampton '08
 Harry Hanson '79
 Jerome Hasbargen '00
 Jessie Hass '07, admissions counselor
 Nancy Helsper '76, executive assistant
 Bryan Herrmann '01, senior associate director of enrollment
 Jen Zych Herrmann '00, associate director of admissions
 Jillian Hiscock, admissions counselor
 Wendy Hyatt '04, community program assistant
 Ashley Johnson '08
 Dean Kalmoe '75
 Burke Kiger '73
 Julie Kill '86, lab services coordinator
 Eric Klinger, professor emeritus of psychology
 Erik Lindholm '08
 Mike Loken '64
 Andy Lopez, professor of computer science
 Dian Lopez, professor of computer science
 Christine Mahoney, director of communications
 Tom Mahoney '70, director of grants development
 Argie Manolis, instructor of English
 Mary Martin '75
 Madeline Maxeiner '76, associate vice chancellor for external relations
 Tom McRoberts '68, director of continuing education, regional programs and summer sessions
 Mike Miller, assistant director
 Shirley Miller, library assistant
 James Moore '78
 James Morales, associate vice chancellor for enrollment
 Krista Murphy, program assistant
 Rose Murphy, associate administrator
 Kalee Nuest, admissions counselor
 Darla Peterson '80, executive secretary
 Adele Raymond, executive office and administrative specialist
 Carla Riley '85, director of alumni relations and annual giving
 Judy Riley, communications coordinator
 Tara Schmidt '05, admissions counselor
 Julia Schmitt '08
 Martin Seggelke, assistant professor of music
 Andy Sharpe '00, financial aid officer
 Joel Tallaksen, biomass gasification project coordinator
 Ben Toll, admissions counselor
 Penny and Tim Turgeon, parents of UMM alumni
 Mike Vandenberg '03, admissions counselor
 Sarah Vig '09
 Laura Walton '08
 Melissa Weber, community program assistant

Young Alumni Program continues to grow

UMM's Young Alumni Program, inaugurated in 2006, continues to grow. Social gatherings in the Twin Cities were well attended in July and October. And Erin Schellin '05, new program associate, plans to incorporate into the schedule future volunteering and service projects, and informational programs like the financial seminar held fall 2006.



Schellin

GameWorks

Alumni who attended the July Gameworks evening in Minneapolis enjoyed great food, interesting "catching-up" conversations, and free bowling! "The GameWorks gathering is a good example of an event that produces loads of fun and an opportunity to network," says Schellin.

"The Young Alumni Program at UMM provides an opportunity for grads from the last decade to get involved with fellow alumni and create a sense of community," she continues. "We hope to strengthen relationships among young alumni and the relationship between each alumnus and his/her alma mater."

Brave New Workshop

In October, Brave New Workshop Comedy Theatre event attendees exercised their funny bones! Following a reception, alumni attended *U Cube: This Company Loves Misery*.

States Schellin: "The Young Alumni Program hopes to connect with more and more alumni, so their relationship with UMM remains as strong as when they were on campus. Their participation and input is just as important now as it was when they served as student leaders."

Watch for *E-Express*, UMM's monthly electronic newsletter, and postcards inviting young alumni to future events.



Participants at the Brave New Workshop gathering included, from left, Pamela Frasch '01, Laura Waldoch '02, Amanda Eklund '05, Tim Lieser '02, and in back, Jeremy Dressen '02.



Baseball, hot dogs, Rusty Kath '03, and UMM

More than 600 UMM alumni, current students, prospective students, faculty, staff, and their families, including Brigid Tuck '97 (above) and her family, enjoyed the 2007 UMM at the St. Paul Saints gathering held August 7, 2007, at Midway Stadium.

Tailgating preceded the game, and many lucky participants went home with Rusty Kath Bobblejaw dolls. The "I Heart Rusty" evening celebrated 2003 graduate and former St. Paul Saints announcer Rusty Kath's "calling up" to the majors. Now the in-stadium emcee for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Kath was back in Minnesota to cheer on the Saints and support his alma mater.



Homecoming 2007

UMMAA past president Juli Wagner '92 (center) led the Alumni Kazoo Band in a spirited rendition of the rouser during the 2007 Homecoming parade. Other highlights included the Legacy Walk dedication, KUMM and UMM Lutheran Campus Ministry reunions, traditional tailgating, and a choir and wind ensemble concert featuring alumni.

A message from Deb Carlson '72, alumni association president

I was honored to assume the duties of president of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association (UMMAA) at the September 21, 2007, annual meeting and distinguished alumni banquet that was part of Homecoming festivities. I welcome the opportunity to lead the ongoing and important efforts of this organization by fostering and preserving the common connection we all share—that of being alumni of a very special small public liberal arts college.



It is my firm belief that we should remain connected to our alma mater and to support it to the best of our ability. In appreciation for the opportunities that were afforded us as students at UMM, we need to extend our support to those who follow in our footsteps. Individually we can do little to secure the future of UMM, but as a group, we are a mighty force. Every gift that is given to UMM is meaningful and effectively helps ensure that current and future students will enjoy an exceptional educational experience. If you are giving of your time and talent to UMM, I would like to thank you for your support. If not, I encourage you to consider ways that you can give back to UMM.

Again this year, the UMM Alumni Association Board has approved funding for varied outreach efforts by the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. Younger alumni focused gatherings as well as local and regional alumni gatherings for all ages are being planned. A Washington, D.C., visit will coincide with a March 10, 2008, performance of the UMM Concert Choir as they travel on their 2008 spring concert tour. Other alumni activities will include a return trip in December 2007 to the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis and a February 2008 Midwinter Event in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Other tentative events are in the works for Boston, Massachusetts; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Duluth, Minnesota. Watch your monthly *E-Express* electronic newsletter or visit the UMM alumni Web site for further details as plans are solidified. Post card invitations will also be mailed nearer the date of the activity. Several UMMAA board members, faculty and staff will attend these gatherings to visit with alumni and update those who are unable to make it back to campus to see for themselves some of the remarkable activities that are happening at UMM. I would personally like to extend an invitation to each of you to select and attend one of these alumni functions. If you are interested in helping us host a future event in your town or city, feel free to contact Carla Riley, director of alumni relations and annual giving. She will work with you on setting up an event in your area.

I look forward to serving this year as president of the UMMAA and invite all alumni to join me in actively participating in UMMAA events and in supporting our alma mater!

Class Notes

compiled by Ashley Johnson '08, New Richmond, Wisconsin

Class of '64

Leonard Munstermann, Hamden, Connecticut, discovered two new species of phlebotomine sand flies, *Lutzomyia atroclavata* and *Lutzomyia cayennensis*, in St. Kitts in the Caribbean. He is a research scientist in the Division of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases at the Yale School of Public Health.

Class of '67

Diane Block and **Dan Knutson** '69, Sauk Centre, retired from teaching. Diane taught at Melrose Public Schools. Dan taught at Sauk Centre Public Schools. They look forward to spending their newfound time with children and grandchildren, traveling, and other fun activities. In December, they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Class of '70

Virginia A. Lundby Delaney, Osceola, Wisconsin, retired from the Osceola school district after 36 years of teaching. She taught Exploratory French to eighth graders and high school French, sociology, psychology, and U.S. history. She advised French Club, classes, and AFS. She hopes to spend more time with family and friends, traveling, gardening, reading, volunteering, and learning new hobbies.

Frederick Moerke, Coon Rapids, passed away in August 2007.

Class of '71

Carol Engebretson, Starbuck, and husband Courtney have farmed for 50 years. As Pope County's Farm Family of the Year, they were honored during the University of Minnesota's 2007 Farm Family of the Year at Farmfest.

Marty Schuelke Fluegel retired after 31 years of teaching at the Morris Area Elementary School.

Larry Edlund, Kalamazoo, Michigan, is still the only high school pitcher in history to hold a Minnesota high school baseball record by throwing four no-hitters in a row during the 1966 season.

Class of '72

Doug Patnode retired after 34 years of teaching in the Princeton school district. He enjoyed 80 seasons of coaching, 17 years of teaching English, and 19 years of teaching physical education.

Class of '73

Judy Wartman Blair and husband Mike traveled to Nome, Alaska, where Mike taught a Rural Alaska Landfill Operators class.

Class of '74

Scott Backer, Worthington, is Worthington High School principal, and wife Jennifer is Worthington Middle School assistant principal.

Class of '75

Lorie Torgerson Bremer, St. Paul, passed away in April 2007.



Steve Armbrust, Portland, Oregon, writes: "One of the benefits of attending UMM is the enduring friendships that result. In June 2007, several UMM alumni from the early 1970s met at the home of Irling and Elizabeth Itzen, Excelsior, to reminisce and reacquaint. Some of us had not seen each other in more than 30 years, but that didn't stop us from reliving the good old days, sharing stories of our lives since college, and even singing a rousing rendition of the UMM Hymn (those words that we could remember anyway). Most of the groups still live in various parts of Minnesota, but Steve Armbrust made the trip from Oregon, and Dave Cross drove from Indiana."

Included in the picture are, back row: Irling Itzen '71, Gerry Meyer '74, Cindy Larson Katzner '74, Leo Katzner '73, Dave Cross '76, Mary Lofgren Erickson '73, Lon Erickson '73. In the front row are Bill King '73, Bob Kerestes '73, Steve Armbrust '73, Greg Kiecker '73, Dennis Gimmestad '73.

Chuck Grussing's son, Mitchell '08, received the USA Scholarship funded through the Morris campus United Staff Association.

Class of '76

Dean Parisian, Alpharetta, Georgia, writes: "I have lived in suburban Atlanta and since 1995 have been chief executive of the investment management firm Chippewa Partners. If there are any TKEs interested in the organization of a TKE scholarship, please contact me via my Web site: www.chippewapartners.com.

Class of '77

Natalie Jane Hauschild, St. Cloud, passed away in April 2007.

Class of '78

Debra Eads Rohmiller, Sioux City, Iowa, is a TJ Maxx customer service coordinator.

Class of '79

Marsha Nomeland Aalseth retired from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband moved to Vancouver Island, Canada, to enjoy nature and to take life a little slower.

Jon Dalager, Lexington, Kentucky, was promoted to full professor at Georgetown College where he has taught since 1996. He continues as the chair of the department of political science and serves as the pre-law adviser. Wife **Teri Mehl '88** is an echo cardiologist with Cardiology Associates of Kentucky. Their children, Casey (11) and Natasha (8), keep them busy with soccer, scouting, swimming, etc.

Dan Hoefs, Rochester, coaches the Rochester Mayo baseball team and manages the Rochester Royals amateur baseball team.

Vickie Bullis Johnson, Broken Bow, Nebraska, has been married to Steve Johnson for 23 years. They have three children: Dallas (22), Robin (21), and Camron (18). Vickie teaches middle school math at Broken Bow Middle School. Steve farms and is an elementary teacher currently looking for a job. Dallas helps on the farm. Robin is a junior at the University of Nebraska, Omaha studying history. Camron graduated from high school and will be home. Vickie writes: "Dallas and Camron are special needs children and have taught me to live life one day at a time and to appreciate what we have." She would like to catch up with any former classmates. E-mail s_johnson190@hotmail.com.

Rhoda Schrader Smith is dean of student affairs at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Class of '81

Tim Anderson is an elementary and middle school counselor in the Maple River School District. He is the head boys basketball coach and was named coach of the year this past year. He is also the head coach of the girls tennis team. Wife Lois is a biology instructor at Minnesota State University in Mankato. Son Seth is a high school senior, and daughter Sara is a sophomore.

Jeff Houselog, Monticello, has taught in Monticello for 26 years and is the head softball coach and junior varsity girls basketball coach.

Class of '82

Scott Maslowski resides in New Brighton with wife Cindy and their three children. Scott is a registered representative with John Hancock Financial of Maple Grove. He would like to hear from fellow alumni. Contact him at 763-971-9214 or e-mail smaslowski@jhnnetwork.com.

Annette Seppanen and **Curt Nelson '83** write: "In fall 2006, after 20 years in urban San Diego, we moved 80 miles northeast to the small mountain town of Julian, California. Son Timo (6) completed kindergarten at a 1919 one-room schoolhouse. Carrying on his mom's theatrical training, he played the role of Munchkin/Flying Monkey in the school's annual Shakespeare production, "12th Night" Meets "Wizard of Oz." Annette carries on her mother's tradition of beautiful gardening, while Curt tries to catch—and release—monster bass."

Class of '83

Joni Hullett Larson lives with husband Mark and children Jill (19), Sam (17), and Claire (14) in Chanhassen. After earning an elementary teaching license, she earned a master of arts in gifted education from the University of St. Thomas and has been a teacher of the gifted and talented in Minnetonka for 13 years.

Class of '84

Jen Coyle Lund, Cyrus, received the Someplace Safe Award.

Brad Pickle, St. Cloud, owns Pickle Events. He traveled to Arizona to help with Pat's Run, which logged 13,000 runners in support of the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Tina Brown Shelton, lives in Palm Harbor, Florida, with three teenage sons and her husband of 21 years. Tina is a certified massage therapist at the local YMCA. Her sons, a college sophomore, high school senior, and junior, all play football.

Cheryl Light Shriner, Urbana, Illinois, writes: "Hi to all of my UMM friends and colleagues during the years 1979-1984. I would love to hear from you and get an update. I earned a master of science in recreation, park, and leisure studies with an emphasis in therapeutic recreation and a doctorate in educational psychology with an emphasis in special education from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. I am a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I teach courses on special education and supervise student teachers. My husband, Jim Shriner, is an associate professor of special education at the University of Illinois. Son Marshall (8) is in third grade and totally immersed in Little League baseball."

Class of '85

Karla Pronk Farrell writes: "After a yearlong hiatus, I have rejoined the work world. I work 16 hours a week at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire as an instructional specialist in the Master of Business Administration Program. I assist faculty members with online classes. Husband Charles works next door as director of the Davies Student Center."

Patrick Franey is senior pastor at Morris Community Church. Wife **Angela '88** teaches science at the Morris Public High School. Son John is heading to Spain, and daughter Eileen is a high school senior.

Stan Jung, branch manager at U.S. Bank in Aberdeen, South Dakota, received U.S. Bank's Annual Pinnacle Award, one of U.S. Bank's highest retail employee achievement honors recognizing tremendous performance.

Mark Lagergren received the 2007 Minnesota Council of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year honor. Mark has taught social studies at Central High School in Norwood Young America for 22 years.



Lagergren

Class of '86

Julie Cady Kill writes "I just thought I would try to touch base with former classmates, friends, saddle club alumni, and roommates. I married a local fellow, Joe Kill, in 1998. We have two beautiful daughters, Shannon (7) and Callista (4). I am the chemistry lab manager and science division safety committee chair at UMM. We have a farm site near Donnelly. For the saddle club members from the '80s, yes, I still have my horse, Mitch. He is doing well for being 33 years young. Stop by the science building or send me an e-mail if you like...I would like to hear from you!" Contact Julie at killj@morris.umn.edu.

Class of '87

Laura Belt Elzinga teaches fifth grade. She lives in Spanish Fork, Utah, with husband Dirk and children Michael (11) and Robert (7).

Shirley Guse married Jeffrey Helbach in September 2006 at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park near Duluth. The couple lives in Grand Junction, Colorado. UMMers in attendance were **Lisa Reike Zollner '88**, **Michele Braul Neale '87**, and **Mary Mustar '87**.

Blaine Hill is the Morris city manager.

Tim Owen writes: "A school record 21-5 boys basketball season at Southwest Star Concept High School Heron Lake-Okabena helped me earn 2007 Section 3A South Coach of the Year honors. I was also named school district Teacher of the Year. I am head coach of the Southwestern United Wildcat baseball team. Capped off 2006 by getting married in July to Cindy Scheevel of Ellendale."

Class of '88

Michael Strynick is director of the Office of Communication at Phillips Academy.

Class of '89

Tim Gregory is director of scientific sessions for the Heart Rhythm Society (www.hrsonline.org). Tim and partner TJ McCabe live in Washington, D.C.

Janell Webb Kolden and husband Shane of Hancock welcomed grandson Nathan Craig Kolden in June 2007.

William Krueger works for VisionShare Inc. Wife **Dorninda Grandbois '93** and children Alex (13), Liam (10), Laura (5), and Avery (18 mos.) live in Farmington.

Joanne Rachel Rhoades, Richfield, graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a master of business administration. She is bookstore manager at the College of St. Catherine and resides in Richfield with her children: Heather, James, Terra, and Taytum.



Sarah and Michael Larsen '97 enjoyed tailgating at the UMM at the St. Paul Saints Alumni Gathering and the baseball game, future UMMer **Tommy's** first-ever ball game.

with them.

Jodi Owen wrote: "I have been in Pierre, South Dakota, for more than five years and am clinical director at Capital Area Counseling Services, Inc. as well as practicing as a psychologist. I wasn't planning on staying this long, but an enjoyable career, good friends, and community, along with good quality of life on the river...those things have held me here. Drop me a note at jowen@cacsnet.org."

Chris Peterson, St. Paul, received a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2007.

Mike and Molly Phillips Peterson, wrote: "This June, we celebrated our 15th anniversary of graduating from UMM and two weeks later our 15th wedding anniversary! We live in Estherville, Iowa, where Mike is middle school principal, and Molly teaches kindergarten, first grade, and second grade music half time. Daughter Maggie is seven and in the second grade. Son Matthew is four and in pre-school. It's hard to believe how fast those 15 years have gone!"

Mark Shores is assistant library director at the Hamilton campus of Miami University. Mark and wife April bought a house in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chris and Patti Wente were honored by Stevens County Human Services for Foster Care month.

Class of '93

William Burns, Canton, New York, is director of the North Dakota State University Counseling Center.

Mary A. Torchy Doschadis wrote: "I'm about to start my 13th year in residential real estate in the Fargo-Moorhead area. I don't teach or direct anymore but do sing occasionally in small groups. I would love to hear from any of the students that I accompanied from 1990 to 1993 while at UMM." E-mail torchy@redribbonrealtors.com.

Kimberly Jones Fraser works as a learning and development consultant at Wells Fargo. Husband David, daughter Anna Grace (1) and son Ian, who started first grade, live in Waconia.

Doug Frazey graduated magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in May 2007. His article on franchise law was selected for publication in the *William Mitchell Law Review*. Doug is a law clerk for the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. He lives with wife Hillary and daughters Katrina (7) and Carissa (4) in St. Paul.

Rebecca Starr is a research assistant for Child Trends in Minneapolis.

Tonya and Spencer Tiernan were honored during Foster Care month by Stevens County Human Services.

Class of '94

Erinjean Gannon-Litton wrote: "I am working in the operating room at St. Alexius in Bismarck, North Dakota, and teach clinicals to junior level student nurses at the University of Mary. Only four more classes until I am done with a master of science in nursing education. **Chad '92** and I really love North Dakota and so do the kids. We love to get e-mails. Contact us at eagannon-litton1@umary.edu"

Tom and wife Ann Christensen Reppe '96 welcomed son Bjorn Carl in May 2007.

Darla Lindberg Schulte passed away in April 2007.

Class of '95

Julie Bona Anderson, Maple Grove, and husband Eric welcomed son William in June 2007. He joins big brother Ryan (2), an

adoring fan. Julie writes, "I love being a mom and feel very fortunate to be able to stay at home to raise the boys."

Mary Stark Asche wed husband Paul in June 2007.

Lisa Krosch Denzer and husband David established the Legacy Living house in Morris, designed to help older citizens of the community get out and enjoy activities in a safe and friendly environment with activities such as exercise, gardening, and the occasional nap.

Bruce Remme is activities director at the Marshall School District.

Class of '96

Sam Johnson teaches art at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University.

Craig Moser and Mary Eck '95 have been married for 10 years. They have three sons, Camden, Thompson, and Colin. Mary is the at-risk coordinator for the high school in Manawa, Wisconsin. Craig is the constituent services director for Congressman Steve Kagen.

Lee Rood, Rush City, has been teaching in Rush City for 11 years, starting as a Title 1 teacher and helping distance learning students. He now teaches third grade, coaches junior high football, and serves as assistant varsity coach in boys basketball. Lee and wife Anne have two children: Allyson (4) and Braeden (2).

Lisa Paulson Selk, Hayfield, welcomed baby McKenna Rae in April 2007.

Class of '97

Julia Conroy, Hancock, is coordinator of Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance in Morris.

Keith Pille lives in south Minneapolis with his wife and the maximum number of pets allowed by city law. Keith writes: "I pay the bills by doing database work for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and writing the occasional article for various Twin Cities publications. After having my brain completely hijacked by comics, I learned to draw and started making them. The results, along with some photography and essays, can be found at www.raketenwefer.org.

Shelly Zagaros Schafer, Woodbury, writes, "In May, husband Matt and I welcomed daughter, Alia Marie. We are all adjusting great to our new addition, including Ronan (2), who is learning to be a great big brother! Feel free to contact us at any time: szagaros@hotmail.com."



In celebration of their 10-year anniversary, these 1997 graduates gathered last summer. Front row from left: Karl Manske, Minneapolis; Dawn Busch, Minneapolis; Dana Bender Brink, Maple Grove; Angela Treloar Youngdahl, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Back row from left: Laura Westerbeck Ross, Zimmerman; Amanda Peter Vickstrom, White Bear Lake; Shelly Zagaros Schafer, Woodbury; Chris Foss, Minneapolis; Bryan Vickstrom, White Bear Lake; and Rob Vanasek, New Prague



Shane Hudak '04, LaDaryl Fenney '97, Paul Vanasek '01, and Luke Robinson '98 participated in the 2007 Cougar Football Golf Outing.

Class of '98

Gina Beyer writes: "I am finishing my third year teaching at the American School in Taichung, Taiwan. After attending the International Recruitment Fair in Bangkok this past winter, I accepted a two-year contract to teach fourth grade at Saigon South International School in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam I've traveled throughout Viet Nam three separate times since 2001 and absolutely love this beautiful country that is full of such friendly people. People always ask me how the Vietnamese people feel about Americans, and I have to say that I have had nothing but positive experiences in Viet Nam. The Vietnamese people just want to live their lives peacefully. They call the Viet Nam War the American War. I am extremely excited to finally get the chance to live in Viet Nam. If you have any questions about teaching overseas, send me an e-mail, arorae2@yahoo.com. A big hello to all the EIders from the class of 1998!"

Jennifer Wright Dahlquist, Eagan, was appointed to the City of Eagan's Advisory Parks Commission by the Eagan City Council. Jennifer serves on the Independent School District 196's Community Education Districtwide Advisory Council.

Mike and Jennifer Gulbertson Radtke live with children Paul (3) and Katelynn (1) in Burnsville. Mike completed a master of business administration from Argosy University in April 2006 and is a marketing analyst for Delta Dental of Minnesota. Jennifer is director of admissions for Argosy University.

Class of '99

Mollie Mohr Dusha and husband Ryan welcomed son Teague Ryan in July 2007.

Jennifer Hunter, Morrison, Illinois, received a master of education in global studies from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She graduated magna cum laude.

Jennifer and her husband live in Illinois. Contact Jennifer at morgan82478@yahoo.com.

Chris Lienemann, Minneapolis, welcomed baby Zoe Annika in May 2007. Chris works for a small software company in Roseville. Stacy is the direct marketing manager for the University of Minnesota Press. Proud grandparents are **Lowell '69** and **Diane Peterson Zellmann '68**, and **Steve and Barb Lienemann '00**.

Christy Stalker Lukasewycz teaches second grade in the Osseo School District. She lives in Robbinsdale with husband Steve, a urology surgical resident for the University of Minnesota, and son Andrew (18 mos.). E-mail stalkerc@hotmail.com.

Matthew Morrow married Rubinah Atcha in 2005. He teaches social studies, chairs the department, and advises the student council at the Modern Knowledge School in Manama, Bahrain.

Chris Wenner writes: "Greetings from hot and sunny Diwaniyah, Iraq. In August, temperatures often exceeded 135 degrees. This is my fourth time here. Each time is unique and has its own challenges and awesome moments. Days are long (12 plus hours). As an operations officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, I attend to nearly 150 contracts in two provinces. My multi-national division has soldiers from 14 countries, plus Iraqi Army and dozens of brave and patriotic Iraqi local nationals who risk their lives to work for the coalition, many as interpreters. E-mail chris.wenner@us.army.mil. I'd like to hear from you."

Class of '00

Jackie Brager Hysko married Armando Hysko in San Diego in February 2007. They met in Denmark while on a work trip. The wedding was attended by fellow alumni **Shannon Flanders Sharpe '00**, **Andrew Sharpe '00**, and **Lisa Thackeray '00**. E-mail jackie_brager@hotmail.com.

David and Rachel Neset Weber '01, Valdosta, Georgia, welcomed baby Jessica in May 2007.

Class of '01

Kris Hjelmeland, St. Paul, received a master in management from Hamline University in December. He married Sara Peters and is employed by Enterprise Architecture at Target.

Heidi Olson Maska married Jason Maska in January 2007 in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Brad and Deidra Ehlenz Waldoch, Albertville, welcomed baby Andrew Eugene in April 2007. Andrew joins sister Maria (2). Deidra teaches piano. Brad is a payroll and benefits administrator for RJF Agencies in Plymouth.

Class of '02

Jessica Van Alstine Beyer and husband Craig's energy efficient laundromat is powered by firewood generated from Craig's tree trimming business.

Sareen Dunleavy Keenan, Minneapolis, welcomed baby Bridgid Margaret in May 2007.

Tony Schuster writes: "I got married in May 2007 in Avalon, Catalina Islands, California. Misty and I live in Mound with our three 'kids,' i.e. our dogs, Cracker, Puggy, and Preston."

Josh and Melissa Flack Wallestad writes: "We have settled into our 'happily ever after' in the Willmar area. We are both teaching in area schools and enjoy hanging out with son Evan. Feel free to get in touch at wallestads@charter.net."

Class of '03

Paul Brifo, Arlington, Texas, established The Paul Brifo Foundation to collect clothing to send to orphanages in rural Ghana. He is expanding the foundation to include schools for the blind and disabled, and intends to reach out to other nations and countries.

Ryan Jempa, Maple Grove, placed first in the Minnewaska Warm Up 10K run.

Dave Poppe owns and operates Morris Land Care Company.

Class of '04

Joleen Hadrich, Lansing, Michigan, received a master of science in agricultural economics at Michigan State University (MSU) in 2007. She was accepted into the doctorate program at MSU for agricultural economics and plans to graduate in 2009.

Becky Johnson graduated from the University of Toledo in May with an occupational therapy doctorate and works at a skilled nursing facility in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Allison Knutson Walsh, Vermillion, South Dakota, married Robert Walsh in March 2007 at the St. Thomas More Neuman Center. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Allison is a research associate at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota.

Class of '05

Troy Ackerman, Morris, owns Dancin' Tracks DJ Service.

Jacob Grussing and Cara Rudney Grussing '07 married in June 2007.

Paul Jonas works as a public relations and marketing professional at Arketi in Atlanta, Georgia.

Nicolette Knudson completed a master of health administration at the University of Washington, Seattle in June 2007. She is the clinic support services manager at a Seattle urban community clinic.



Chad Laforce '04 and Josh Mattson '04 attended the 2007 UMM at the St. Paul Saints Alumni Gathering proudly wearing gold and maroon.

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Jeff Xiong, Woodbury, is a Camp Sunrise director.

Class of '06

Monica Wenzel taught English in a rural town in Ecuador as a volunteer teacher during the 2006-07 school year. She teaches Spanish at Centennial High School in Circle Pines.

Class of '07

Emily Christiansen, Eden Prairie, is a software engineer at Infobionics.

Amber Van Eps Holm, Morris, welcomed baby Sydney Paige Holm in July 2007.

Emily Loehr, Savage, received a fellowship named after Indiana University's president emeritus John W. Ryan. The fellowship requires students to work closely with a state or local government agency or with a nonprofit organization while pursuing a degree. Emily will work with the Bloomington Economic Development Commission to analyze key issues and recommend solutions and courses of action for the Bloomington community.

Mary Lambrecht, Minneapolis, teaches fourth grade at Sojourner Truth Academy.

Pat Lienemann served in Iraq.

Teresa McAlpin is an events intern with USA Volleyball.

Crystal Oko is a morning producer at KTTC-TV in Rochester.

Ryan Rysavy, Baxter, teaches fourth grade at Baxter Elementary School.

Anna Schliep, Milford, Maine, worked at the USDA-ARS North Central Soils Conservation Research Lab as an intern in summer 2007 and is a teaching assistant and graduate student at University of Maine, Orono.

Athletics update

—Mark Fohl, director of intercollegiate athletics



We are happy to have several excellent new coaches join the Cougar staff this year:

- Amy Balk will serve as the assistant women's basketball coach and head men's and women's tennis coach. Amy graduated from the University of Saint Mary in Kansas and comes to UMM from Neosho County Community College, where she served as the assistant women's basketball coach.
- Grant Harding will manage the equipment room and serve as an assistant football coach. Grant previously worked as an assistant at UMM a few years ago and came to UMM from Urbana University.
- Amber Holm will serve as an assistant cross country and track coach. Amber was a member of the cross-country and track teams at UMM and graduated in the spring of 2007.
- Rory Larson will serve as an assistant men's basketball coach and equipment manager. Rory previously worked as an assistant coach at Southwest Minnesota State where he completed a master of science in education and sports leadership.
- Scott Turnbull will serve as the assistant coach for both men's and women's soccer. Scott was a kicker on the football team at UMM and graduated in 1999. He served as an assistant soccer coach during the first two years of the women's soccer program in 1998 and 1999. He returns to UMM from Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, where he worked as a goalkeeper consultant and soccer referee.

UMM is in the final year of the reclassification process from Division II to Division III. After this year, UMM teams and individual athletes will be eligible for Division III post-season play, although it will be a couple more years before our conference champions will have automatic berths into National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Regional Tournaments.

The Cougar Sports Network provides free, live Webcast of all UMM Cougar men's and women's home basketball games during the 2007-08 season. For details, check www.morris.umn.edu/athletics/CougarsLive.php.



Cougar football fans enjoy summer golf outing

The Friends of Cougar Football Golf Outing was held in July 2007 at the Geneva Golf Club in Alexandria. More than 120 Cougar fans from near and far attended.

"It was a great event, especially seeing all the alumni from different eras," says Todd Hickman, head football coach. "Next year, we'll be starting a new tradition of inviting former coaches, starting from the 70s, to speak at the luncheon. The 2008 golf outing will be in Morris at the Pomme de Terre Golf Course."

Photo above: Cougar Football Golf Outing participants included Doug Tigner '85, Maple Grove; Jay "Bulldog" Johnson '85, Sauk Rapids; and Steve Schroeder '85, Naperville, Illinois



Riley Bros Companies donates scoreboard

Riley Bros Companies, lead contractor for the construction of Big Cat Stadium, donated the scoreboard for the facility. The gift for the joint-use football facility illustrates a commitment to UMM, the Morris Area Public School District, and the community of Morris.

"Riley Bros Companies went above and beyond the call in getting the stadium ready," states Mark Fohl, director of athletics. "We appreciate their commitment to the project, and the donation of the scoreboard for the facility."

Photo above: Big Cat Stadium scoreboard

Fall 2007 marks inaugural year for men's cross-country

This fall, UMM added men's cross country to its line up of Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) competition.



Karger-Gatzow

Jeremy Karger-Gatzow, head cross country coach, is pleased with the addition and with his team. "The opportunity for young men to run cross country at UMM will bring hardworking students to campus," states Karger-Gatzow.

"We have had a lot of interest from high

school students, as well as current students participating in track and field and members of the Cougar Running Club. Co-captains, Tony Krueger '08, Brooklyn Park, and Dan Dutcher '08, Vadnais Heights, have done an amazing job of assimilating the Cougar Running Club and the freshmen into a competitive cross country team with dedication and a great work ethic."



Front row from left: Dan Dutcher '08, Vadnais Heights; Scott Harder '09, Mountain Lake; Jim Davison '09, Burnsville; Dugan Fladners '11, Paynesville. Back row: Luke Toso '11, Falcon Heights; John Jones '11, Bloomington; Tony Krueger '08, Brooklyn Park. Missing from photo: Doug Armstrong '10, Breezy Point; Andrew Rehmann '11, Roseville; and Micael Voeller '11, Golden Valley.

Photo credit: Kim Melchert '10, Waconia

Cross country— running in its purest form

Kruger, a longtime runner, is excited about the opportunity to compete in cross country. "I have always had a special place in my heart for cross country running," he states. "People ask me how it can be that much different, running is running whether it's around the track or across a field. The activity may be the same, but the atmosphere is radically different. Cross country is a much freer sport. It's running in its purest form, less about stopwatches and split times, and more about running for the love of it. Also there is a special kind of camaraderie that forms between the members of a cross country team, probably the result of going for long runs together as a small group day after day."



Cross country will benefit track and field program

The addition of a cross country team will also benefit UMM's track and field program. Without a cross-country team, it was often difficult to recruit runners for the long distance track and field events. Says Dutcher: "We hope that a lot of the goals we meet in the cross-country season will lead into the track and field season, creating a core distance team that will support an already talented track and field team."

Five freshmen and five upperclassmen make up UMM's new cross-country team. Karger-Gatzow notes it is "a good mix of experience."

Krueger agrees. "This first group of guys is the greatest foundation that a fledgling sports program could hope to have and on which to grow," he states. "I am confident that the future of Cougar men's cross country is bright and healthy. A great legacy has begun."

The Cougar men's cross country team finished their first season placing fourth in the conference championship, only five points behind the third place team. Luke Toso '11, Falcon Heights, and Andrew Rehmann '11, Roseville, placed in the top 10 earning All-Conference honors.

The cross-country team sponsored the annual Cougar Quad Run held on a crisp, cool Saturday morning during Homecoming 2007 festivities.

Photo credit: Kim Melchert '10, Waconia



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The Presidents Club recognizes the University of Minnesota's most generous donors. Below are UMM Presidents Club members who have made significant gifts to the University of Minnesota, Morris. Bold names indicate new members. Italicized names honor deceased members. An asterisk denotes sustaining members with gifts of \$1,000 or more in the last fiscal year to UMM.

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The Heritage Society recognizes donors who have designated future gifts to UMM such as bequests, life insurance policies, or retirement plan assets.

Martins continue 47-year legacy of UMM support through Morris grocery store

As a teenager, Paul Martin stocked 25-pound bags of flour on the shelves of his father's grocery store. In the backroom, he divided hundreds of pounds of potatoes into brown paper bags and cellophane wrapped heads upon heads of lettuce. In grocer's jargon, his father ran an "ingredients store," providing items needed for baking and cooking from "scratch."

Today, Paul and wife Gina's grocery store has been transformed by their customers' need for ready-to-eat foods—prepackaged greens, microwavable meals, and frozen vegetables. But they hold fast to one constant learned from the past. The "ingredients" to success are service to customers, loyalty to employees, and support of the Morris community, including the University of Minnesota, Morris.

A local landmark established

The history of the Martins' grocery store began in 1948 when Paul's parents, the Rachel and the late Wilmer Martin, moved to Morris. Willie, as he was known, first managed and then purchased the local Red Owl. Later, it became Willie's Super Valu, a local landmark, which Paul and Gina purchased in 1990. "Dad was always very active in the community," remembers Paul. "He was proud to be from Morris, and we are happy and proud to be here, too."

A tradition of UMM support

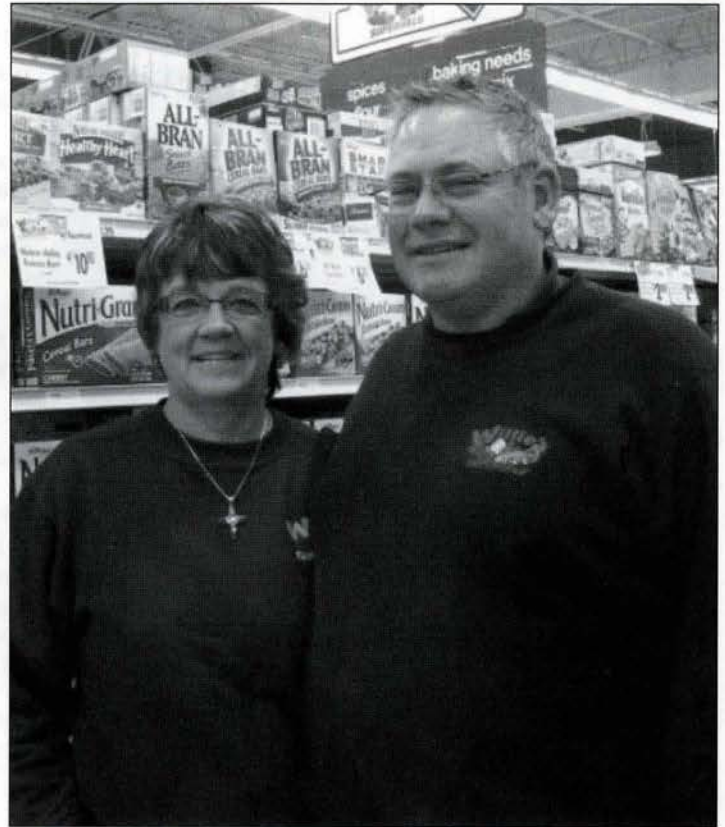
Willie and Rachel began a tradition of supporting UMM when the campus opened its doors in 1960, and Paul and Gina continue their legacy. Throughout the years, UMM students have been employed as Willie's cashiers, stockers, and carryout personnel. Numerous student organizations and campus entities benefit from donations of products and discounts. And the Martins provide financial gifts that support a variety of

projects from the Clyde Johnson Music Scholarship and the Loren Carr Memorial Scholarship to the KUMM radio station and Cougar athletics.

Community Partnerships

Paul identifies two projects supported by Willie's Super Valu that he especially appreciates and recognizes as emblematic of community partnerships: the Regional Fitness Center (RFC) and Big Cat Stadium, both shared Morris facilities located on campus. He states: "The RFC is wonderful for our town. So many neat activities happen there for so many different members of our community. And watching football in Big Cat Stadium continues to be a thrill for me. There's a lot of excitement out there."

In 1999, Paul and Gina moved Willie's to its present Seventh Street location, across the street from its former site. The store boasts an expanded bakery, delicatessen, an in-store eatery, and perhaps more



Paul and Gina Martin at Willie's Super Valu

"ready-to-eat" products than ever, but the atmosphere remains the same, illustrated by a spirit of service and Paul Martin's soft, humble voice saying: "We are blessed to be able to help."

We are blessed to be able to help.

—Paul Martin

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Rosemeier's gifts extend the University of Minnesota's reach through Center for Small Towns partnerships

A former home economist, Dorothy Rosemeier's University of Minnesota career began with outreach, providing a resource to the public. In her current professional role as executive director of the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (WCRSDP), she focuses on "inreach," creating collaborations between the University and citizen groups. And, in a very personal way, Rosemeier's gifts to UMM's Center for Small Towns (CST) extend the University's reach through CST students, staff, and the partnerships they create.

Complementary missions

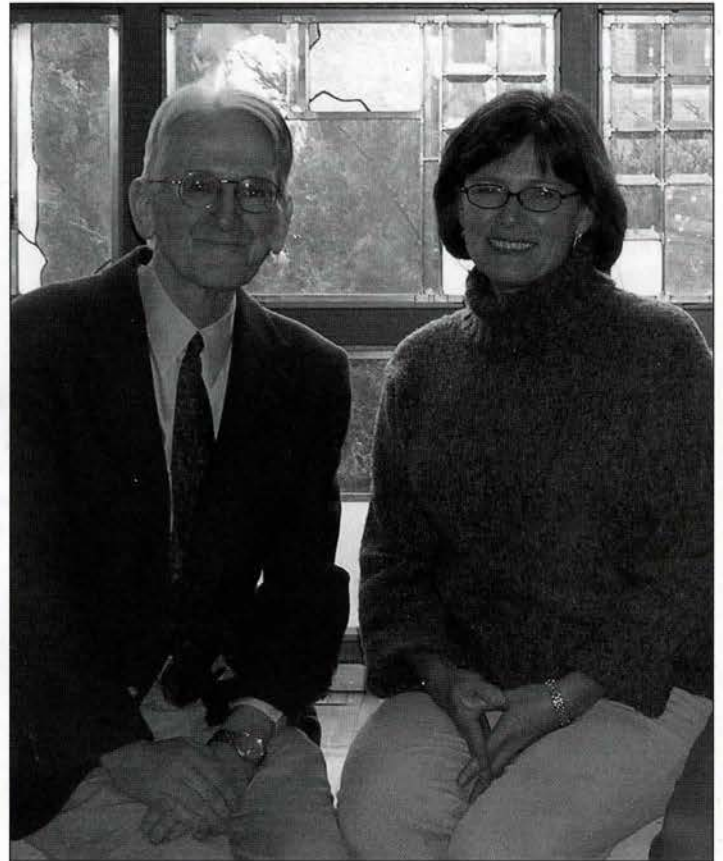
The CST's mission to assist small communities with locally identified issues through applied learning opportunities makes it an ideal WCRSDP collaborator. Its objectives and goals complement WCRSDP's mission, "to create citizen-driven University partnerships fostering sustainable development for regional resilience." Both entities seek to empower citizens to develop processes to address community issues and opportunities. "The CST has been a great WCRSDP partner," states Rosemeier. "CST projects 'make sense' to students, and they benefit from the experience. Students also get to meet 'real people' from the rural area."

For example, as part of WCRSDP's Connecting Students and Communities program, UMM students inventoried the livelihoods of the residents of the rolling hills and wetlands located between the communities of Benson and Starbuck. Using old-fashioned conversation and high-tech geographic information systems, their research revealed a bed and breakfast establishment, an herb and honey farm, a catering business, and an intentional grazing farm, all within a few miles. "The entrepreneurial spirit is alive on the prairie," states Rosemeier. She also reports that both interviewers and interviewees enjoyed this project tremendously.

CST and WCRSDP partnerships also include UMM's Pride of the Prairie initiative, which brings locally produced foods to campus dining; "green" initiatives, including wind and biomass energy; and the West Central Healthcare Purchasing Alliance project in which Greg Thorson, professor of economics, and students researched the problem of health insurance affordability in rural areas. All of these varied projects, whether related to the environment, the economy, or the community, benefit west central Minnesota and its sustainability.

Supporting student experiences

"I appreciate the Center for Small Towns and the support of the Morris campus," states Rosemeier. "I think it is neat that my



gift dollars to CST support UMM students and their experiences here in a rural area. I've benefited greatly from my U of M work, and it feels good to give back to my passions and what I believe in."

Tom McRoberts '68, director of the Center for Small Towns, notes that Rosemeier, in her professional capacity and in her personal interests, is an ideal CST partner. He

I've benefited greatly from my U of M work, and it feels good to give back to my passions and what I believe in.

—Dorothy Rosemeier

says: "Dorothy is a remarkable supporter of the Center in so many tangible ways. Her gifts are just another example of her generosity and her desire for students to experience meaningful projects. She is a

model of participation in the work of the Center."

Photo above: Tom McRoberts '68, director of the Center for Small Towns, and Dorothy Rosemeier, executive director of the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership



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Minge Award supports Kehrwald's Washington, D.C., internship

Traveling has become second nature to Kristi Kehrwald '08, New Prague. Last summer the 2007 recipient of the David Minge Internship Award traveled to Washington, D.C., to intern with American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker nonprofit group. Established by David Minge, former U.S. congressman from Minnesota, the award provides financial support to students interning in Washington, D.C., and studying public policy process at the federal level.

Kehrwald did just that. She researched, attended hearings conducted by the House and Senate, and closely watched bills such as the State Children's Health Insurance Bill and the Health and Human Services Appropriations bills. She also worked with fellow UMMer Chris Pifer '03 while in Washington, D.C.

"I was excited to have the opportunity to meet so many dedicated and passionate people," shares Kehrwald. "The group I was with, as well as many groups and coalitions which we worked closely with, impressed me with their commitment to bettering government and the lives of other people. It was nice to see that there are people trying to do really great things through the government."

Kehrwald says that without the financial support of the much-appreciated Minge Award, an unpaid internship would have been extremely difficult.

Kehrwald's travels don't end in Washington, D.C. She arrived back in Minnesota this fall to catch up with family and friends and then was on her way to the Czech Republic with UMM's English Language Teaching Assistant Program (ELTAP). During fall semester, she is living and learning in Kaplice, a small town in the southern part of Bohemia, where she teaches English with four other teachers.

In January, Kehrwald will settle down in Morris for her last semester at UMM. "I've been lucky lately," she reflects. "Things have worked out amazingly well for me—between Washington, D.C., last summer and ELTAP now. People in Morris, Washington, D.C., and here in Kaplice have been a great help!"

by Melissa Weber, University Relations

Paula O'Loughlin, associate professor of political science, (right) presents the David Minge Internship Award to Kristi Kehrwald '08, New Prague

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Dr. Jooinn Lee Political Science Lecture Series deepens UMM tradition of political engagement

One of the many giving highlights of the past year is the establishment of the Dr. Jooinn Lee Political Science Lecture Series. In partnership, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends made this new UMM opportunity possible by contributing gifts in recognition of Lee's retirement this past spring. An anonymous alumnus generously matched the gifts of fellow donors resulting in a robustly endowed fund. The lecture series will perpetually honor Lee's history and legacy at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The political science discipline will invite distinguished alumni and prominent practitioners in the field of politics to campus to lecture. Guests will alternate annually between scholars and notables from the world of politics. An effort will be made to rotate the areas of emphasis and to invite scholars and speakers who address more than one area of politics.

"This lecture series will offer the UMM community a chance to hear policy-makers and cutting edge political science scholars on campus," states Paula O'Loughlin, associate professor of political science. "Bringing nationally renowned scholars and political practitioners to campus will deepen our campus tradition of thoughtful political engagement and further enhance the rich intellectual climate at UMM. This lecture series is a fitting tribute to a man who brought politics to life for so many generations of UMM students, inside and outside the classroom."

Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science, earned a doctorate at the University of Illinois and joined the University of Minnesota, Morris faculty in 1961. His specialization is in the areas of political theory and contemporary political ideologies. He served as the Division of the Social Sciences chair and is the author of books and journal articles. He is the recipient of the University of Minnesota's highest teaching honor, the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.

Jooinn Lee, professor emeritus of political science, at his retirement party when the lecture series was announced

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Brigitte Budahn '08, Brainerd, received the 2007 Florence Eystad Gahm Scholarship given by Wilbur Gahm in memory of his wife Florence Eystad Gahm. Florence taught at UMM in the early 1960s. Gahm and Budahn visited at UMM's Scholarship Jubilee held in October 2007.

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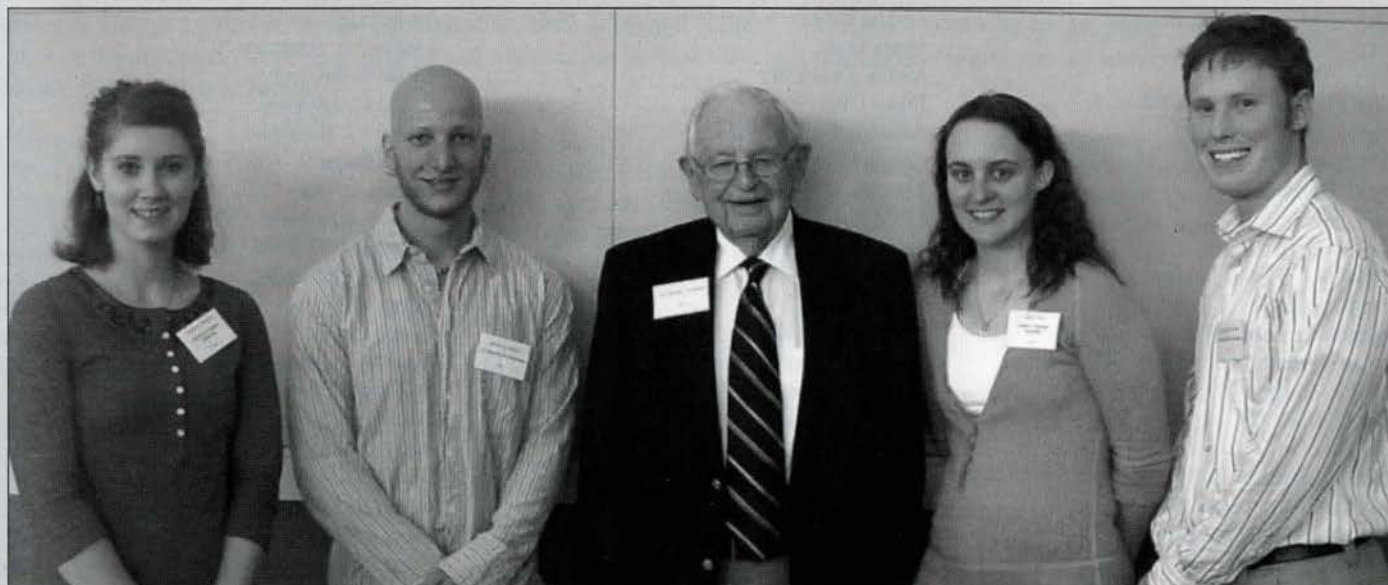
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Cougar Arline Litchfield's UMM adventure includes one familiar activity—track and field

No connections existed between Massachusettsian Arline Litchfield '10 and Minnesota before she applied to UMM—no relatives, no travels, no prairie experience. But the high quality, small, rural, liberal arts campus located in a place where she had never been before was exactly what she was seeking in a higher education adventure. Every aspect of college life would be new, ready to be explored, except for one familiar activity—track and field. A gift from her father, John, to UMM honors the role track and field plays in Arline's life and the richness Cougar athletics add to the UMM experience.

Academic options

Arline discovered UMM online at www.College.Board.com. She was looking for "something different," she remembers. "Coming from the East Coast, the Midwest had the allure of a foreign country," says Arline. "I like wandering into the unknown and not knowing how things will end up."

Before making her college decision, Arline and John visited UMM. "It was a long trip from the Boston area," recalls John, "and I was a little doubtful.

But after the tour, I told Arline, 'This is a long way from home, but if

you want to go here, I can't say no.' The campus was good looking. The architectural styles were interesting. The people we met were pleasant. Most of all, from a parent's point of view, the campus and town were a safe place for my daughter to go to school."

Now in her second year at UMM, discovery for Arline is still underway. "I've been tinkering a bit with my major choice," she says. "I plan to enter the secondary education program. I have academic strength and a passion for both art and natural sciences, so

I'm deciding between those two for my area of licensure. I love that UMM has a lot of options. I could've gone to art school or an environmental college if I wanted to, but then I would be stuck in a specific discipline. The beauty of a liberal arts college is that you aren't tied down by a particular area of study."

Athletic opportunities

In high school, Arline participated in indoor and outdoor track and field and also cross country. At UMM, she competes in the throwing events. "More than anything, I love having practice to go to everyday," shares Arline. "It's been a staple in my life for the past five years and has helped me adjust to life at UMM. Track is one of the few things at school that is completely familiar to me. I look forward to it everyday. I'm not particularly gifted, but I work hard at my events and that alone is enough satisfaction for me. I don't need



Arline Litchfield '10

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to break records or win medals to know what I love."

John notes Cougar influence on Arline's life, too. "Last spring, I attended a track meet. There was a lot of socializing going on, and Arline is always talking about her friends in track. Frequently a student would strike up a conversation with me, too. Even the coach found me and made me feel welcomed. It reminded me what nice people Midwesterners are."

A rower during his undergraduate years, John understands the impact of

charitable giving on athletic programs. "At Marietta College, we always were trying to supplement the budget that the college gave the crew—car washes, purchasing our own oars, and the like. It wasn't that our crew wasn't successful. We often promised the football team that we

would lose a race if they ever won a game! Small schools just don't have the resources to fund all the sports as well as they would like to. I received a personal thank you note from the chancellor for my gift to Cougar athletics. Things like that remind me that we made a good choice with UMM."

2007 Senior Legacy Project

Congratulations to the Senior Legacy Committee and thank you to all the donors who supported the Senior Legacy Project in its inaugural year! A Legacy Walk of engraved pavers, the Class of 2007's permanent gift to the University of Minnesota, Morris, was dedicated during Homecoming 2007 festivities. With gratitude, we acknowledge gifts towards the project from parents, alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, friends of the campus, and, of course, UMM's newest graduates: the Class of 2007.

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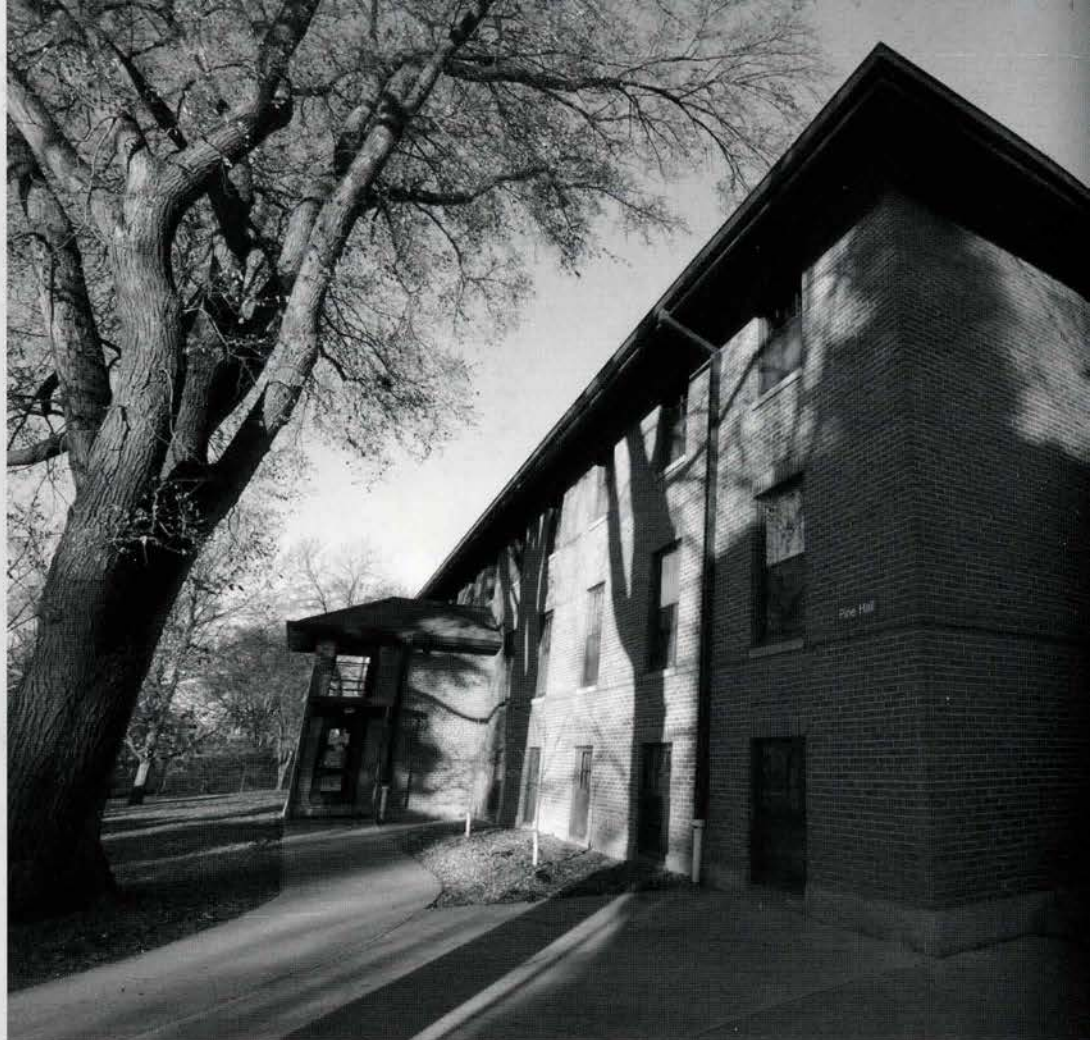
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